



*An Authentic Life!*

**An Authentic Ministry**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 NKJV

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**INTRODUCTION**

Paul and companions (Acts 17):

- Driven out of Thessalonica
- Followed him to neighboring city of Berea
- Planned to drive him out of the region of Macedonia entirely

Ardent opponents tried to undermine Paul's work.

Forces in Thessalonica would attempt to rid the city of Paul's influence.

A second approach:

- Description of the apostolic *ethos*
- An exemplar of the Christian life.

The *ethos* of a teacher or philosopher referred to his behavior or lifestyle.

The *ethos* was expected to serve both as an illustration and a validation of his teachings.

The approach in this 1 Thessalonians series:

- The lifestyle required to authentically represent God in the places where He has planted us.
- Today's message - An Authentic Ministry.

Authentic Christians in An Authentic Community function through An Authentic Ministry.

D.L. Moody

*Our great problem is the problem of trafficking in un-lived truth.*

*We try to communicate what we've never experienced in our own life.*

**Thus, making our ministry to others —unauthentic.**

**What is Ministry?**

Saint Francis of Assisi:

*"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach as we walk."*

## THREE MAIN PRINCIPLES OF AN AUTHENTIC MINISTRY

### 1) GENUINE \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-3 NKJV

- a) Genuine proclamation is **Beneficial** - It's not In Vain (2:1)
  - b) Genuine proclamation is **Bold** - In spite of Persecution (2:2)
  - c) Genuine proclamation is **Bona fide** - Must be sound and accurate; with Integrity (2:3)
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### 2) GENUINE \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Thessalonians 2:4-8 NKJV

- a) Genuine passion operates with **Credible Manners** (2:4-5)
  - b) Genuine passion operates with **Clear Motives** (2:6-7)
  - c) Genuine passion operates with **Consistent Demeanor** (2:8)
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### 3) GENUINE \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12 NKJV

- Dr. Tony Evans...  
*Caring relationships — not merely sermons — were the key to Paul's ministry.  
And that principle applies to everyone in the church, not just to the pastor.  
Lives touching lives is what makes a church.  
Individuals can't care for hundreds or thousands of people, but they can care for each other.*

- a) Genuine Practice does not create **Obligational Comfort** (2:9)
  - b) Genuine Practice produces **Observational Confirmation** (2:10)
  - c) Genuine Practice functions in **Occupational Conduct** (2:11-12)
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