



The Personal Touch of Ministry

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Message (September 30, 2012)

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Text: I Thessalonians 2:1–12

Introduction: Each of us are unique. Why? We have a Creator that loves distinctiveness. The Lord gives us different spiritual gifts, talents, and opportunities. What would it be like if you decided to lead? What would it take for you to add a personal touch to the ministry of the Lord's church? We need people today like Paul, Silas, Timothy, Aquila and Priscilla who led the church of the first century. Specifically, Paul demonstrated a model of leadership in which the fledgling church in Thessalonica could build confidence. What did he say? Let's consider his advice.....

Discussion:

I. Christian Leaders Encourage God's People

I Thessalonians 2:1-3

Romans 12:20

Acts 4:36

II. Christian Leaders Exemplify God's Plan

I Thessalonians 2:4-6

Matthew 6:33

II Corinthians 4:2

III. Christian Leaders Express God's Love

I Thessalonians 2:7-9

John 3:16

I John 4:7

IV. Christian Leaders Edify God's Kingdom

I Thessalonians 2:10-12

Matthew 16:17-19

Matthew 28:18-20

Conclusion: It would be so easy to give up, quit, or become lazy and apathetic. However, God has called us to greatness! What will you do to put a personal touch on the ministry of the Lord's church? Where will people be able to see your fingerprints? What work of the church shares your identity? Let's get moving. Let's get building. Gulf Shores is depending on our leadership! Are you ready?

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