

Talk Outline – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-20 – Father, Mother & Herald

Opening Question: “Who do you look up to most in your life ... and why?”

1. More Is Caught Than Taught

- In Ch.2, Paul continues point out the “**How**”, our **Motive** and **Manner**” as Gospel Messengers

2. The Motive

a. not for ourselves ... (2:2b; 5-6)

b. ... but for pure and godly motive (2:3-4)

Question: What drives LMAP to reach the community and the world with the Gospel?

3. The Manner

a. like a mother (2:7-9)

- Emphasizing the “**gentle**” and “**caring**” nature of a Gospel messenger.
 - The love that Paul, Silas and Timothy have for them **2:17-20**,
 - “*walk the talk*”

b. like a father (2:10-12)

- Emphasise the **nurturing** aspect of the Gospel Messenger.
 - to encourage
 - to comfort
 - to urge

c. as a herald (2:13-16)

- to declare the **significant things** that are happening.
 - thanking God for the positives ... as well as the negatives ...
 - together, they confirm what’s **GENUINE** ...
- Mark 10:29-30, John 15:18
- Hebrews 12:2-3