

**“The Loving Care of a Christian Father”  
(1 Thessalonians 2:9-12)**

**Introduction**

**Thesis:** Men, I want you to consider with me three marks of spiritual care that Paul and his co-laborers offered the church so that God might use them to help you examine your heart and strengthen your leadership in the home.

I. As leaders, Christian fathers \_\_\_\_\_ with their family (vs. 9).

II. As leaders, Christian fathers \_\_\_\_\_ before their family (vs. 10).

III. As leaders, Christian fathers \_\_\_\_\_ of their family (vs. 11).

## **Conclusion**

### **Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, *how* working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and so *is* God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; <sup>11</sup> just as you know how we *were* exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father *would* his own children, <sup>12</sup> so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

### **Related Texts:**

#### **Romans 1:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

#### **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

#### **Matthew 5:16**

<sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

#### **1 Corinthians 11:1**

<sup>1</sup> Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

#### **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.