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Authentic Ministry 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

I. Motivation for Authentic Ministry (v. 1-6)

Pleasing _____ rather than _____

Genuine Concern for _____ rather than

Real Truth: Authentic Ministry springs from a love for Jesus

which compels us to _____ Him by _____ with others

II. Mind-set for Authentic Ministry (v. 7-12)

_____ (Like _____) • Giving up Status

_____(Like a _____) • Giving up Independence

_____(Like a _____)

Giving Direction

Real Truth: Authentic Ministry happens when we

to pursue _____ that transform lives

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Some Background: A Biblical View on Ministry

Principles:

- All Christians have unique God-given gifts
- God asks us to use those gifts to serve others so that
 - The church can accomplish her purpose
 - We mature as individuals
- The people we call "ministers" are given to the church to prepare us for ministry

Passages:

- Romans 12:4-8
- 1 Corinthians 12
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- 1 Peter 4:10