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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Paul faced some very serious accusations from the Thessalonians. They accused Paul of being a flim-flam scam artist of an itinerate preacher.

Paul denies that he and his fellow ministers ever took advantage of the people in his charge. Never did he come to this budding church out of greed, trickery, self-indulgence, or empty flattery. Paul's response was not of an angry authority coming to set the record straight. He reminded them of how much he cherished and cared for them. He even abstained from collecting due payment from them, just so he could better nurture and disciple them.

We cannot all be apostles, but if we have learned anything in our faith journey, then we have an opportunity to pass that on to someone else. To nurture others is part of the charge God puts before us. Even though it is sometimes difficult, as it was for Paul, we have an occasion to demonstrate what spiritual maturity means. We can show the patience of a loving parent who wants nothing more than to watch a child flourish.

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