

## Transformed Leadership No.2

- If lives are to be transformed, then the **leadership must be transformed.**
- **Here is a picture of an effective leader.**
  - Paul's work among the Thessalonians was effective.
  - **In three ways:**
  - **courage**, 1-6;
  - That was last week

### This week

- **a loving spirit**, 7-9;
- and **faithfulness**, 10-12.
- These are the marks of a transformed leadership.
  
- **Gentle love.** *7 We were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children..*
- **Nurturing love.** *8 affectionately longing for you.*
- **Labouring love.** *9 For you remember, our labour and toil; for labouring night and day, that might not be a burden to any of you.*
  
- The modern term = integrity. Paul was not boasting but reporting fact when he claimed to behave *devoutly and justly and blamelessly.* *10*
  - The word **devout** = **separate, intended for a single purpose.** A good translation would be "single-minded."
  - Paul was **just before others.**
  - Paul was **blameless** in his own eyes. He was not claiming **to be sinless or perfect.** He meant that he was **honest.**
  
- Paul did **three things** for the Thessalonians. **He exhorted them, he encouraged them, and he challenged them.**
  - **He exhorted.**
  - **He encouraged.**
  - **He challenged.**
  
- Exhortation, encouragement, and challenge are essential if you're going to minister effectively to someone's needs.
- They are important qualities in a changed leadership, trying to witness transformed lives!
- We are facing times of great danger and crisis. But these are also times of great promise. What a challenge to live today as Paul lived and ministered in his day.
- As leaders, as we look at that list of characteristics of an effective leader's heart: courage, a loving spirit, and faithfulness; we must hope and pray *Lord, do this in my life. Make me a blessing in my own time.*