

sermon notes

Balancing Toughness and Tenderness **1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 — February 25, 2024**

introduction: We generally think of the apostle Paul as a rather tough individual. He had to be tough to endure all the persecution he experienced and yet continue to proclaim the gospel boldly. But Paul also had a gentle side.

1. Show _____ gentle _____ care, tender affection, and self-sacrifice toward others
(1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)

supporting Scripture: Matthew 11:29
Galatians 5:22-23
Galatians 6:1
Philippians 4:5
Proverbs 15:1
Philippians 2:3-4

2. Be _____ hard-working _____, and balance work and witnessing (1 Thessalonians 2:9)

supporting Scripture: Acts 18:3

3. Live a _____ godly _____ life, knowing that other people and God are watching you
(1 Thessalonians 2:10)

devoutly = devoted to the Lord, set apart to serve Him, holy
justly = righteously, measuring up to what God expects and requires
blamelessly = unrepachable, able to stand up to scrutiny

4. Encourage others to walk _____ worthy _____ of God (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

supporting Scriptures: Philippians 1:6; 2:13
John 3:3
Philippians 1:27
Ephesians 4:1-2
Colossians 1:13-14