



The Number One Why

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1 Thessalonians 2:1-5

PLEASING GOD was THE motivator for Paul.

2 Corinthians 5:9

1. When you please God, you'll receive supernatural COURAGE.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2, Acts 16:22-24, Matthew 10:22-23



Their boldness was something brought TO them, not something that came FROM them.

2. When you please God, your INTEGRITY stands strong.

1 Thessalonians 2:3–5

"For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness."

Psalms 12:2



Galatians 1:10

Positive List from 1 Thessalonians:

- Truthful
- Pure Motives
- Honest
- God-pleasing
- Sincere
- Authentic

3. When you please God, you gain CONFIDENCE and you leave behind DOUBT.

1 Thessalonians 2:4–5



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- God ENDORSES
- God ENTRUSTS
- God EXAMINES (*Jeremiah 12:3*)
- God is an EYEWITNESS (*Jeremiah 17:10*)

Takeaways:

Never COMPROMISE the message of the gospel in order to make people like you.

Never BLAME the message of the gospel for times when you are the problem.

Make pleasing God your number one WHY. (*Hebrews 11:6*)

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