

Great and Unique Passages from the Bible

1 Thessalonians 2

Making a Difference in Others' Lives

"Our coming to you was not in vain." (not a failure) 2:1-6

Not error – bad insight

Not impurity – bad morals

Not deceit – bad motives

Not as pleasing _____, but God who _____ our _____.

Not manipulative flattery – fake care

Not greed

A desire to mean something in your lives.

A desire to help you, to shape your lives.

A desire to make our lives, together, count for God.

How did we do that for you?

A. *We talked to you about _____.* 2:2-3

There is so much else we can talk about!

Lisa Van Ryn

B. *We were _____ with you.*

Like a nursing mother. 2:8

A fond affection. (Loved you so much.)

Imparting our very lives.

C. *We worked _____.*

As living examples. 2:9-10

Work

Devotion

Sometimes we weary in the task.

Gal. 4:11,15-16,19-20

Tom Carson

D. *We had a _____ in mind for you.*

"Exhorting, encouraging, imploring." 2:11-12

Our goal for you...

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E. *The Reward?* 2:19-20

For further study:

- Philippians 2:1-18
Encouragement to believers he loved to keep going and "work out" their great salvation which God has "worked in" to them.
- Philippians 3:1-19
Encouragement to believers to lay hold of that for which Christ laid hold of them; to consider what is really valuable and reach for it.
- 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 14-26
Entrust to others what you have been given.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-14
Our trials for your comfort; comfort from the sovereign God of all comfort. In holiness and godly sincerity we conducted ourselves toward you.

