

Father's Day 2020

Leading Well

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

3 Attributes of Leading Well:

1. Worthy Walk (v. 10)

- a. Holy - describes one's duty toward God; stresses one's commitment to the spiritual disciplines
- b. Righteous - stresses one's relationship to men in a manner consistent with the directives of the Word
- c. Blameless - free from charges or blame (not faultless in the sense of sinless, but free from blame)

2. Worthy Words (v. 12a)

- a. Exhorted - to exhort to a particular line of conduct
- b. Encouraged - encourage, cheer up, console (this word means "to encourage to continue on a specific course")
- c. Charged - to solemnly charge, adjure, beseech

3. Worthy Wants (v. 12b)

- a. A Worthy Life - drives home the principle that the Lord must be brought into everything we do
- b. Kingdom Significance - a continuous work of God; we are sealed with salvation, but God still calls us to participate in His Kingdom and glory