

## “AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN LIVING”

“Standing Firm,” part 2

A sermon outline based on 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

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1. Do the \_\_\_\_\_ thing for the \_\_\_\_\_ reasons. (1 Thessalonians 2:2-3)
2. Aim to \_\_\_\_\_ God not people. (1 Thessalonians 2:4-6)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ hard. (1 Thessalonians 2:6-9, 2 Thessalonians 3:8-10, Ephesians 4:28)
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and open. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
5. Strive to be holy, \_\_\_\_\_ and blameless. (1 Thessalonians 2:10)
6. Invite the Word of God to \_\_\_\_\_ in you. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

### Next steps...

- Thank the Lord for the opportunity to work and be productive. Resist the temptation to do too much for your children. Instead, give them ample opportunities to learn do things for themselves.
- Try being more open and honest with key people this week. Don't hide how you're really feeling or what you really think, but allow people to see the real you.
- Read and reflect on a single Bible verse this week. Consider this one: 1 Thessalonians 2:4b *“Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.” (1 Thessalonians 2:4, NLT)* Invite the Holy Spirit to begin to mold and shape your thoughts, desires and values based on this verse.