

**Intro – Review previous lesson points:**

1. Paul is writing to \_\_\_\_\_  
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  2. He rejoices in memory of them for two main reasons:
    - A. \_\_\_\_\_
    - B. \_\_\_\_\_
- In the next section he will defend his ministry among them. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I. Credentials of True Ministers – 2:1-3:13**

1. True Ministers \_\_\_\_\_ 2:1-2  
Paul's experiences show that he was a man who trusted God. \_\_\_\_\_  
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True leadership rests not only on speaking ability but it also depends on \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. True Ministers are \_\_\_\_\_ 2:3-12  
Paul compares 2 sets of characteristics for judging ministers.
  - A. Worldly Characteristics – vs. 3-6
    - Error \_\_\_\_\_
    - Impurity \_\_\_\_\_
    - Deceit \_\_\_\_\_
    - Popularity \_\_\_\_\_
    - Flattery \_\_\_\_\_
    - False pretense \_\_\_\_\_
    - Personal glory \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Spiritual Characteristics – vs. 7-12
    - Gentle \_\_\_\_\_
    - Self-sacrificing \_\_\_\_\_
    - Hard-working \_\_\_\_\_
    - Pure \_\_\_\_\_
    - Fervent \_\_\_\_\_

Paul reminds them of their experience with himself and his workers. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. True Ministers \_\_\_\_\_ 2:13-16

We don't know how big the church in Thessalonica was. \_\_\_\_\_  
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True ministers don't blame the church. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. True Ministers \_\_\_\_\_ 2:17-3:13

Note Paul's attitude toward the brethren:

- He was \_\_\_\_\_
- There were his \_\_\_\_\_
- His emotional life \_\_\_\_\_
- He prayed \_\_\_\_\_
- He wanted only \_\_\_\_\_

For example, young missionary student \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Summary

Paul defends his ministry among these brethren by describing the characteristics of a True Minister.

1. True Ministers \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. True Ministers \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. True Ministers \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. True Ministers \_\_\_\_\_  
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