Paul’s Ministry Style
1 Thessalonians 2:1-10

1 Th 2:1 Our visit was worth it.
1 Th 2:2 Paul and Silas beaten and humiliated in Philippi.
Still came to preach …… shamefully entreated…boldly preached same to you even though received opposition

Paul’s ministry style
1. Impartial

2. Pure Motives
   1 Th 2:3 Exhortation: Advise, argument, appeal, challenge, teachings
   Was not of deceit: not spring from error, fraudulence, or delusion.
   Uncleanness: impure motives
   Guile: craft, deceit, subtlety.
   Wiersbe: Spiritual witnessing and ‘Christian salesmanship’ are different. Salvation does not lie at the end of a clever argument or a subtle presentation. It is the result of God’s Word and the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Th 2:4 God allowed us to be put in trust with the gospel.
Gal 1:11-12; 1 Cor 4:1
Even so we speak… haven’t changed our message … desire to please God

3. Consistent message
   Always shooting straight. Audience is God.
   Things that should not distract
   1. Size
   2. Response
   3. Amount of honorarium

1 Th 2:5 didn’t try to flatter you with words or fake friendship

4. Genuine Relationships
   Flattery: Excessive and insincere compliments given in order to gain an advantage Psa 12:1-3
   Flattery-external
   Praise-internal Prov. 20:19; 26:28; 28:23; 29:5
   Cloak of Covetousness: Pretense to cover over greedy motives.
5. Unassuming Expectations
   1 Th 2:6  We weren’t glory-seekers

6. Kind Treatment
   1 Th 2:7  Gentle: mild and kind.
             Cherisheth her children…2 Tim 2:24  Titus 3:2  Prov 16:6

7. Sacrificial Love
   1 Th 2:8  Affectionately desirous of you: Special word of affection
             used in the nursery

8. Hard Work
   1 Th 2:9  Labour: toil which induces fatigue
             Travail: Toil as a hardship.
             Chargeable: Heavy upon, expensive, a burden towards…
             1 Tim 5:17-18

9. Integrity
   1 Th 2:10 Holily: piously, as men separated unto God and His service.
             Justly: righteously, Doing right according to the Word of God
             Unblameably: In an irreproachable manner.

So what?

What is your style of ministry?
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2. Motives
4. Relationships
5. Expectations
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9. Integrity