

NOT A COOKBOOK



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1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NIV)

2 You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³ For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. ⁷ Instead, we were like young children among you.

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Just as a nursing mother cares for her children,⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.⁹ Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.



Paul Had Courage



1 Thessalonians 1:6 (NIV)

⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

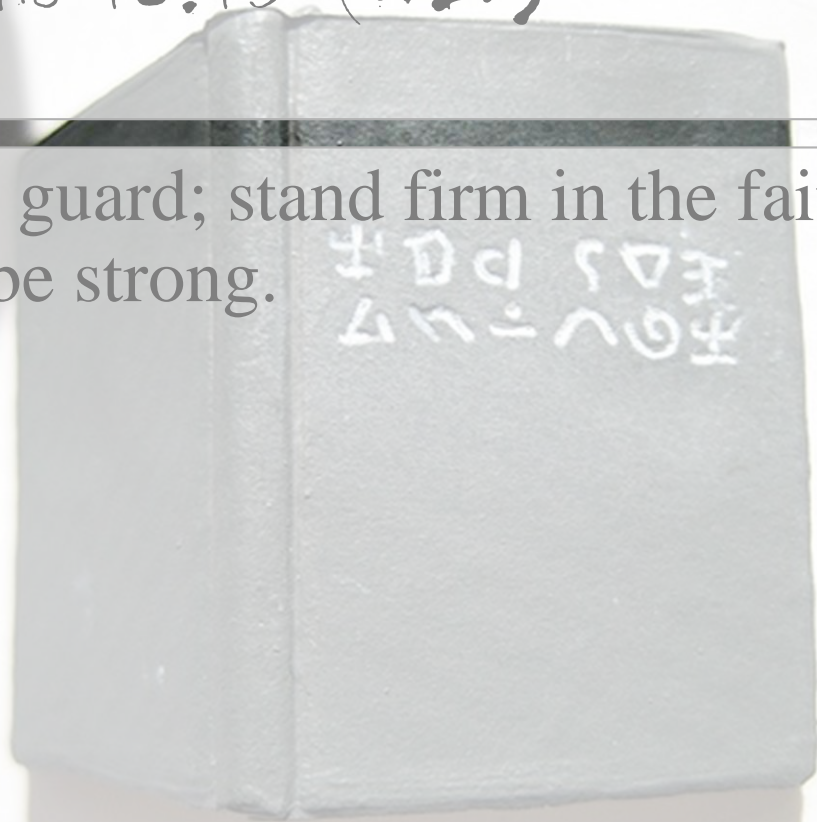
Acts 18:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.

¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.”

1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.



Psalm 31:24 (NIV)

²⁴ Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

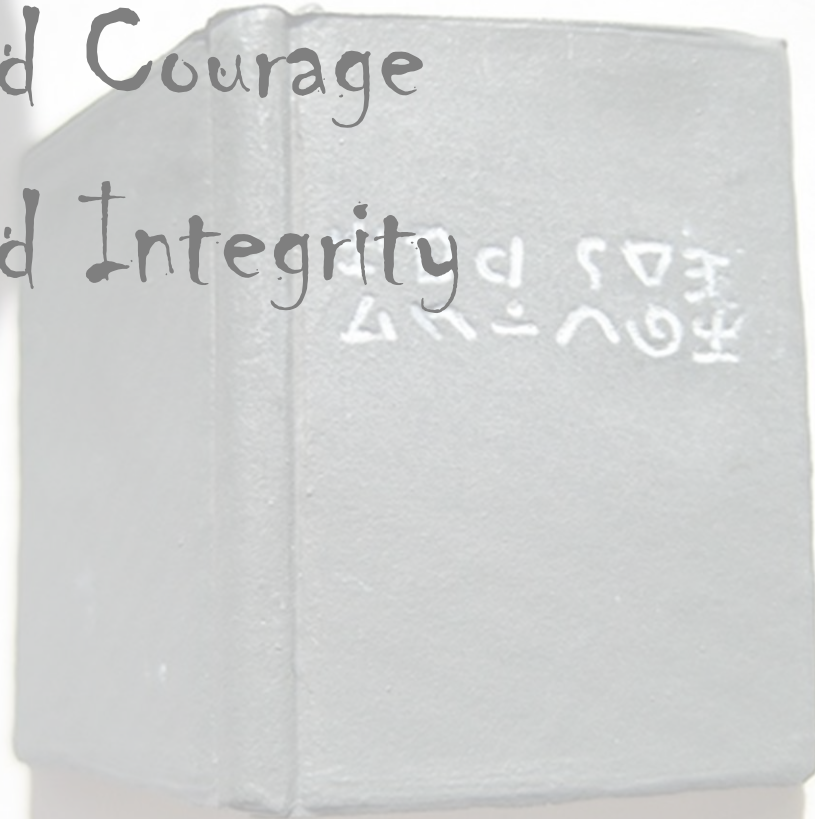




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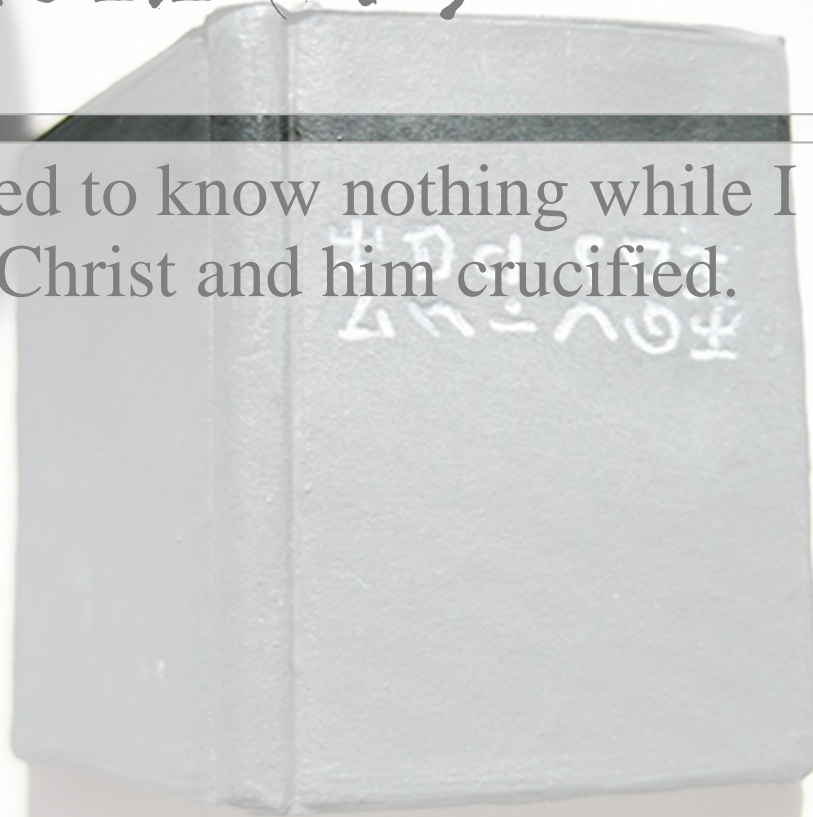


Paul Had Integrity



1 Corinthians 2:2 (NIV)

² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.





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Three Causes



Fear



Greed



Desire For Approval



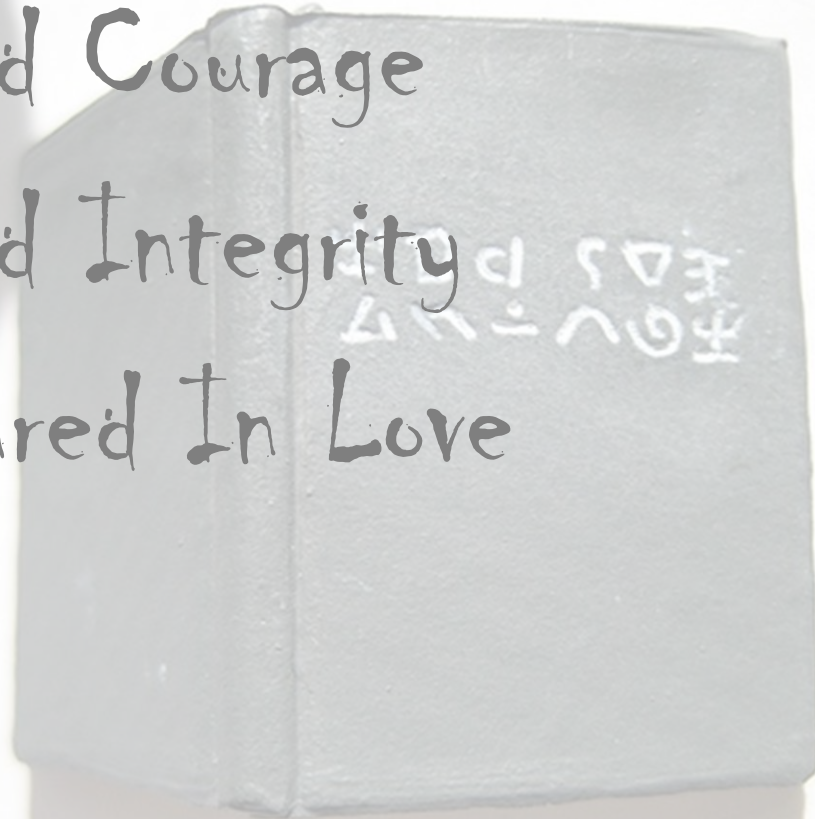
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Paul Cared In Love



John 15:2-3 (NIV)

² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.



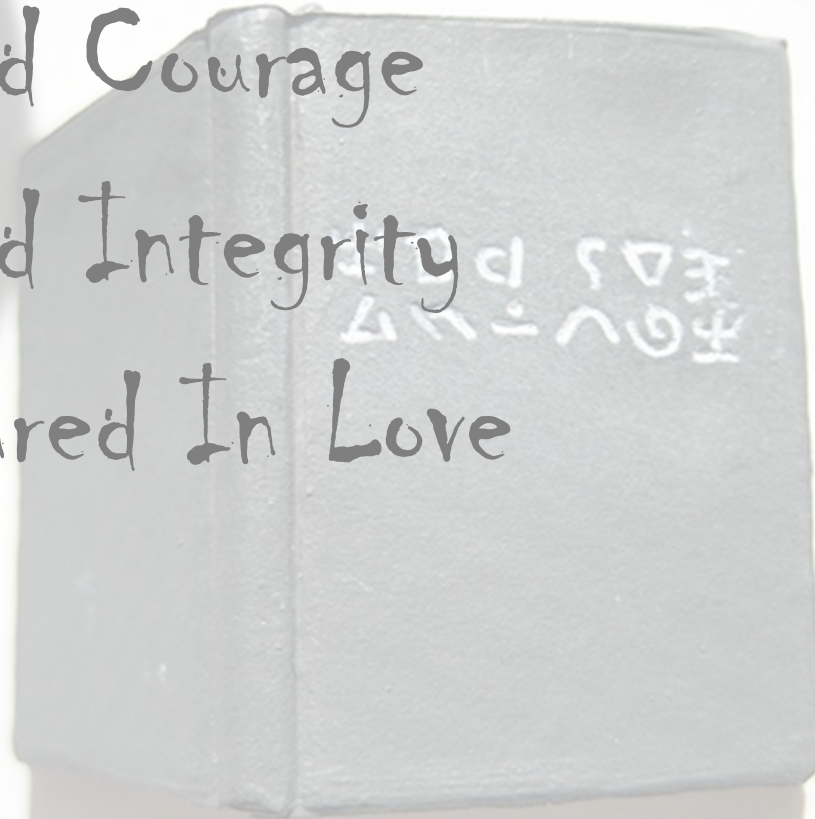
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