

Communicators and Miscommunicators of Hope

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Marks of a Spiritual Hope Thief (1 Thessalonians 2:2-6)

1. Theological Error (vs. 3)
2. Impure motives (vs. 3)
3. Trickery (vs. 3)
4. Flattery (vs. 5)
5. Greed (vs. 5)
6. Fame (vs. 6)

Marks of Genuine Communicator of God's Hope (1 Thessalonians 2:7-12)

- Gentle as a caring mother (vs. 7)
- Speaks the truth in love (vs. 8)
- Gives oneself away (vs. 8)
- Hard working (vs. 9)
- Lives a godly life (vs. 10)

Coaches believers like an encouraging father (vs. 11-12)

Three things that describe the role of a father parallel the role of a genuine spiritual leader in the life of his followers.

1. Encouraging – parakalew “to call a person to your side.”
2. Comforting – paramuthia “to speak closely with someone.”
3. Urging - marturumemoi “to bear witness”