

# Whatever Became of Integrity

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Thessalonians 2:1-12.

B. Paul had a deep concern for the development of his churches.

## II. The first essential for helping someone else is courage.

A. It takes courage to reach out to our peers.

B. The wrong reason for boldness is peddling for money.

C. The right reason for boldness is glorying in the opportunity to share the gospel.

D. The only way one should want to please God is because he loves Him.

E. The wellspring of courage is love.

## III. The second essential is gentleness. Paul said that he longed to help his churches.

## IV. The third essential is hard work.

## V. The final essential is faithfulness.

A. This is integrity.

B. The Old Testament speaks to the beauty of holiness. Paul was righteous in his behavior.

C. Paul was blameless having dealt with his sin.

### **Application questions:**

1. Which of the essentials for helping others strikes you the most?

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2. What areas of the Christian life do you find it most difficult to maintain courage?

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3. Who is a model to you in your own life of faithfulness? What makes his or her example stand out?

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