

## LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT-4

### “An ‘Impact Player’ for Jesus Christ”

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

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#### I. FIRST, AN “IMPACT PLAYER” GETS A HIT BY HIS BOLD PROCLAMATION (1 Thessalonians 2:1-2).

A. First, their approach was successful (2:1).

B. Secondly, their affirmation was forceful (2:2).

#### II. SECONDLY, AN “IMPACT PLAYER” MAKES A BASKET WITH AN ACCURATE MESSAGE (1 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

A. First, Paul does this by assuring them that his message was true (2:3a) “. . . *not of deceit* . . .”

B. Secondly, he does this by acknowledging that their message was pure (2:3b) “. . . *nor of uncleanness* . . .”

C. Thirdly, he does this by affirming that their message was honest (2:3b). “. . . *nor in guile*.”

D. Fourthly, he does this by asserting their message as trustworthy (2:4a). “. . . *we were allowed of God to pun in trust with the gospel* . . .”

#### III. THIRDLY, AN “IMPACT PLAYER” SHOOTS PAR WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE (1 Thessalonians 2:5-6).

#### IV. FOURTHLY, AN “IMPACT PLAYER” SCORES A TOUCHDOWN WITH A GENTLE \_\_\_\_\_ AND SACRIFICIAL \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 2:7-9).

A. First, notice the \_\_\_\_\_ of a gentle spirit (2:7).

B. Secondly, consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of a sacrificial heart (2:8-9).

#### V. FIFTHLY, AN “IMPACT PLAYER” SCORES A POINT WITH A CLEAN \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 2:10).

#### VI. SIXTHLY, AN “IMPACT PLAYER” SCORES A RINGER EVERY TIME WITH AN URGENT \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12).

**CONCLUSION:** Note the following qualities of an “impact player: for Christ:

1. We must develop a deep, abiding inner \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We must make a persistent commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We must make a deliberate step of \_\_\_\_\_ in following the Lord Jesus!