

**"Introduction to  
1 Thessalonians"  
1 Thessalonians 1:1,  
Acts 17:1-9**

**I. The Gospel Motivates  
(1:1a; Acts 17:1-9)**

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### **1. Acts 16:6-10**

**2. We should be passionate about the advancement of the gospel (Acts 17:1-2a)**

**3. We should be passionate about the proclamation of the gospel (Acts 17:2b-4)**

## **A. The Gospel Motivates Us to Go and Tell (Acts 17:1-4)**

### **4. Paul's Model of Biblical Exposition**

**a) Argumentation**

**b) Explanation**

**c) Illustration**

## **B. The Gospel Motivates Us to Press On and Persevere (Acts 17:5-9)**

- 1. The Church keeps going despite adversity  
(1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)**
- 2. The Church keeps growing through adversity  
(1 Thessalonians 3:6-8)**

## **II. The Gospel Transforms (1:1b)**

## **A. The Gospel Transforms People (1:1b)**

**1. When a person comes to know Jesus, he will know change and if there is no change, there is likely no Jesus.**

**2. 2 Corinthians 13:5**

## **B. The Gospel Transforms Position (1:1c)**

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**1. Grace: Our Standing before  
God**

**2. Peace: Our relationship with  
God**