

Block Diagram—1 Thess 2:1–8  
Wellspring  
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1a	<b>For</b> you yourselves know, brethren,	Grounds ch. 1
b	that our coming to you was not in vain,	Content 1a
2a	but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi,	Time 2c
b	as you know,	Comment 2a
c	<b>[but]</b> we had the boldness in our God	Contrast 1b
d	to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition.	Result 2c
3	<b>For</b> our exhortation does not <i>come</i> from error or impurity or by way of deceit;	Grounds
4a	but just as we have been approved by God	Comparison 4c
b	to be entrusted with the gospel,	Result 4a
c	<b>[but]</b> so we speak,	Contrast 3
d	not as pleasing men,	Manner 4c
e	but God	Contrast 4d
f	who examines our hearts.	ID 4e
5a	<b>For</b> we never came with flattering speech,	Grounds
b	as you know,	Comment 5a
c	nor with a pretext for greed	Parallel 5a
d	— God is witness —	Comment 5c
6a	nor did we seek glory from men,	Parallel 5a
b	either from you or from others,	Amplification 6a
c	even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.	Concession 6ab
7a	<b>But</b> we proved to be gentle among you,	Contrast 5–6
b	as a nursing <i>mother</i> tenderly cares for her own children.	Comparison 7a
8a	Having so fond an affection for you,	Manner 8b
b	we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God	Inference 7
c	but also our own lives,	Amplification 8b
d	because you had become very dear to us.	Cause 7bc

**Argument:** Paul explains three reasons (“for,” vv. 1, 3, 5) why he knows, broadly, that the Thessalonians were elect (1:4), and specifically, how he knows that his ministry experienced supernatural power and that the word has also sounded forth from the Thessalonians (1:5ff).

**Theme:** Necessities for Faithful Ministry