Family Sermon Sheet – I Thessalonians 2:1-12 "Marks of a Faithful Ministry"

- 1. The minister's (or pastor's) main activity is to ______ the gospel.
- 2. The gospel is:
 - a. good advice about how to behave.
 - b. good news about Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection.
 - c. a warning to shape up.
- In today's Bible text, there are <u>five</u> marks that are part of the faithful preaching of the gospel.
- 3. The <u>first</u> mark is that the minister preaches the gospel ______ even if he has to suffer for doing so. (verses 1-2)
- 4. The <u>second</u> mark is that the minister preaches with the goal of ______ God. (verses 3-6)
- 5. The <u>third</u> mark is that the minister preaches the gospel with _____. (verses 7-9)
- 6. The <u>fourth</u> mark is that the minister preaches the gospel with hard _____. (verse 10)
- 7. The <u>fifth</u> mark is that the minister preaches the gospel with personal ______. (verses 11-12)
- 8. If you want to have a very good minister, what is the first step to take?
 - a. Criticize your minister until he shapes up.
 - b. Go from church to church to compare all the ministers with each other.
 - c. Pray for your minister.