CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS 1 THESS. 2:1-12

What are the four characteristics of genuine Christian leaders? Are these important for all leaders or particularly for Christian leaders?"-Explain your answer.

They have authentic ______ (vs 1-6)
They demonstrate selfless ______ (vs 7-8)
They display deep ______ (vs 9)
They pursue noble ______ (vs 11-12)

Why do many people view Christians as phony or fake?

Q Can you tell about an encounter you've had where people discounted Christianity because of a charlatan or swindler? How did you respond to that?

B How did Paul challenge the Thessalonians to examine the integrity of his life? What did they discover?

If someone were to examine the integrity of your life, would there be some areas that need shoring up?

 ${\cal Q}$ Perhaps you can share how God is working, and ask your community group for prayer and counsel.

Do people in your church or small group see you as a leader who is willing to go the distance for Christ? Do you display deep sacrifice?

How would one's life reflect this kind of commitment?

5 How did Paul go the distance for the Thessalonians? How did he sacrifice and serve?

6 Are you honestly motivated by a desire to please people or to please God?

🗱 What keeps you from a life of total obedience?

Do you share your life with people in your church?

🗱 What can you do to get to know others better?

🗱 What can you do to let others get to know you better?

8 What does it mean when Paul says that God "examines" our hearts?

Is that a comfort or a point of conviction for you? Explain your answer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

9 How is it liberating to know that God knows everything about your life?

(II) What are some ways that pastors can be real in the presence of their people?

11 How did Paul's critics seek to discredit his message?

When the people seeking to discredit the gospel message today?