

Some Questions to Start?

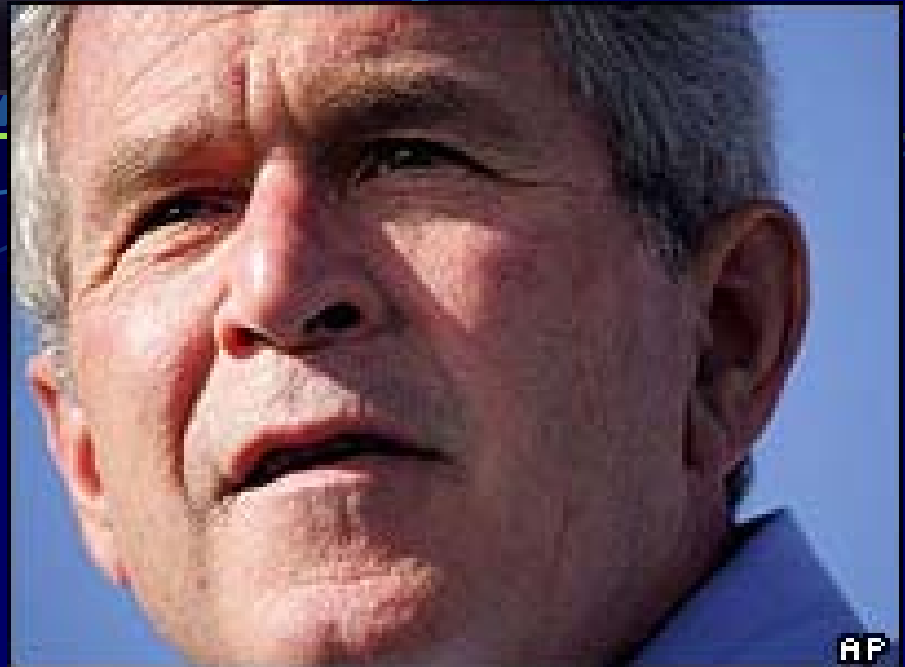
- Is it fair to attack people's character on the basis of our opinion?
- For example, if I made the following statement about someone, "**You Are a Liar**" what gives me the right to make that statement? Am I the judge?

Here is a Question?



Which Man?

***Is This Man a
Liar?***



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I Thessalonians 2:1-9

" You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition."

“You Know...”

“how we lived among you...” (1:5)

“brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure.” (2:1)

“we never used flattery...” (2:5)

“that we dealt with each of you as a father...” (2:11)

In refuting the accusations, Paul used the method of letting the record of his ministry speak for itself. When evaluated in the light of truth, the malicious charges being made against the missionaries could not survive.

"For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you,"

1 Thessalonians 2:3-6

Three Charges Against the missionaries:

- (1) Their preaching was based on “deceit”
- (2) They gained followers by “impure purposes”
- (3) They used “trickery” on them. The word “trickery” means “to catch with bait” and suggests deception.

"but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you."

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9

Paul was full of affection for the Thessalonian Christians (2:7). He was not selfish or disinterested. His professional expertise was combined with the love of a mother for her children. He shared his life, not just words (2:8). The image of a caring mother points to the word “gentle.” The phrase “as a mother feeding and caring” is a technical term for a professional wet nurse.

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A Closer Look

1. What type of leadership roles do I have in my life?

- Workplace
- Community
- Church
- Home

A Closer Look

2. What do others know about my leadership?

- What does my track record look like?

A Closer Look

3. Who are some of the Leaders in my life?

- Employers
- Teachers
- Elders
- Parents
- Pastors
- Government officials

A Closer Look

4. What words describe my disposition towards my leaders?

- Supportive?
- Critical?
- Encouraging?
- Judgmental?
 - What words should describe my attitude?

A Closer Look

5. What will I do with these questions?