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1 Thes. 2:10-12 You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; [11] as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his own children, [12] that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

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