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# A Practical Study of 1 THESSALONIANS: Your Spiritual Checkup

## “Victory in Areas of Vulnerability”

Key verse 3:10 — *“night and day praying as earnestly as possible that we might see your face and complete what is lacking in your faith”*

### **QUESTION NUMBER ONE – DID YOU MAKE THE RIGHT START? – 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10**

#### **KEY VERSE 1:5**

v. 1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

v. 2 We are always giving thanks to God for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers;

v. 3 constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and your labor of love and your perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the presence of our God and Father;

v. 4 knowing, brethren loved by God, His choice of you,

v. 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; even as you are knowing what sort of men we showed ourselves to be among you for your sakes.

v. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word while in much affliction with joy of the Holy Spirit,

v. 7 so that you became an example to all those who are believing in Macedonia and in Achaia.

v. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has been sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we are not finding it necessary to be saying a thing.

v. 9 For they themselves are reporting about us what kind of an entrance we had to you, and how you turned to God from the idols to serving the living and true God,

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v.10 and to be waiting for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus, the one who is rescuing us from the wrath which is coming.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What three things does Paul remember in verse 3?

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3. How did the Gospel come to the Thessalonians, according to verse 5?

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4. Who did the Christians in Thessalonica imitate, according to verse 6?

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5. What happened to the Word of the Lord in verse 8?

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6. What did the Thessalonians do in verse 9?

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7. What are the idols in your life?

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8. What were the Thessalonians doing, according to verse 10?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Paul’s prayers are filled with praise for his converts.

LESSON #2: His items of praise are: “your work of faith,” “your labor of love,” “and your perseverance of hope.”

LESSON #3: The affirmative response of the Thessalonians to the Gospel was evidence of their election.

LESSON #4: An effective presentation of the Gospel involves four things: 1) the preaching of the Word; 2) the power of the Holy Spirit; 3) the full conviction of the hearer; and 4) the impact of a life that has been changed

LESSON #5: The “joy of the Holy Spirit” is not affected by affliction.

LESSON #6: It is the Lord’s intention that the Gospel message be “sounded forth” from us once we have received it.

LESSON #7: In the past they turned to God from idols; in the present serving God out of love; and looking to the future with hope, waiting for His Son from heaven.

LESSON #8: The certainty of God’s wrath is communicated in this passage.

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## **QUESTION NUMBER TWO – ARE YOU A PHONY? – 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12**

### **KEY VERSE 2:5**

v. 1 For you yourselves are knowing, brethren, of our entrance among you, that it has not been without results,

v. 2 but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, even as you are knowing, we had the courage in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.

v. 3 For our exhortation was not out of error, neither out of impure motive nor in deceit;

v. 4 but even as we have been found worthy by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we are speaking, not as pleasing men but God, who is examining our hearts.

v. 5 For neither were we found using flattering words, even as you are knowing, nor in pretense desiring advantage—God is witness—

v. 6 nor seeking glory from men, nor from you nor from others,

v. 7 though being able to be in a position of dignity as Christ's ambassadors. But we became gentle in your midst, even as a nursing mother is tenderly caring for her own children.

v. 8 So feeling kindly for you, we were delighting in imparting to you not only the gospel of God but also our own souls, because you became beloved ones to us.

v. 9 For you are remembering, brethren, our toil and hardship, night and day laboring that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

v.10 You are witnesses, and [so is] God, as to how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we proved ourselves among you who are believing;

v.11 just as you are knowing how to each one of you as a father his own children:

v.12 exhorting you, and encouraging [you] and bearing witness to the end that you should be walking in a manner worthy of the God who is calling you into His own kingdom and glory.

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Who does Paul tell us he is trying to please in verse 4?

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3. Who is his “witness” in verse 5?

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4. How does Paul tell us he acted in verse 7?

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5. What two things did Paul give them, according to verse 8?

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6. Why did Paul work, according to verse 9?

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7. How did Paul and his followers act, according to verse 10? Define “devoutly,” “uprightly,” and “blamelessly.”

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8. Why did Paul “encourage” and “witness” to them, according to verse 12?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Fruit was borne and lives were changed because the ministers’ lives had been changed.

LESSON #2: Paul persevered in preaching the Gospel even though he knew he was going to suffer the consequences.

LESSON #3: Paul was sustained and strengthened in his suffering.

LESSON #4: His message was genuine, his motives were pure, and his methods sincere.

LESSON #5: Paul did not come to Thessalonica to get but to give the Gospel and to give of himself.

LESSON #6: Paul's life could bear close inspection.

LESSON #7: A father's function is three-fold: 1) exhortation; 2) encouragement; and 3) an example

LESSON #8: The goal of Paul's ministry is that they should be "walking in a manner worthy of a God who is calling them into His own kingdom and glory."

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### **QUESTION NUMBER THREE – HAS SATAN HINDERED YOU?** **– 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-20**

#### **KEY VERSE 2:18**

v.13 And because of this we also are constantly giving thanks to God, because when you took to yourselves the word of divine preaching that goes out from us, you welcomed not the word of men, but even as truly it is, God's word, which also is operating in you who are believing.

v.14 For you became imitators, brethren, of the assemblies of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus, because you also suffered the same things at the hands of your own countrymen, even as also they did from the Jews,

v.15 those who also killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and are not pleasing God and are hostile to all men,

v.16 forbidding us to tell the Gentiles in order that they might be saved; to the end that they might fill up the measure of their sins always. And there came upon them the wrath in the end.

v.17 But we, brethren, were made orphans by separation from you for a short season—in person, not in heart (outwardly not inwardly)—we made every effort all the more with much desire to see your face.

v.18 Because of this we desired to come to you, indeed, I Paul, not only once but twice, but Satan hindered us.

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v.19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of glorying? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?

v.20 For you are our glory and joy.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Why is Paul giving thanks to God in verse 13?

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3. How are the Thessalonians like those who were Christians in Judea, according to verse 14?

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4. What does Paul tell us about the Jews in verses 15 and 16?

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5. What was Paul anxious to do, according to verse 17?

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6. What does Paul tell us about Satan in verse 18?

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7. Do you believe that it is possible for Satan to hinder us? Have you experienced this? Please comment on your answer.

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8. According to verses 19 & 20 what is Paul’s “hope” and “joy” and “crown of glorying?”

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Our response to the Word of God is to welcome it and allow it to work in our lives.

LESSON #2: Exposure to the Word of God purifies and prioritizes our lives.

LESSON #3: When we come to know Christ, we begin to take on a family likeness.

LESSON #4: Suffering is part of the divine curriculum for Christlikeness.

LESSON #5: There comes a time when the cup of iniquity is full and the wrath of God is poured out.

LESSON #6: Paul’s deep compassion and involvement in the lives of the Thessalonians are seen here in the deep grief he experiences through being separated from them.

LESSON #7: Satan is in the business of hindering us in the pursuit of the will of God for our lives.

LESSON #8: Satan is always trying to hinder, to hurt, and to hurry us.

LESSON #9: Will there be any persons in heaven because you had the privilege of sharing Jesus Christ with them here on earth?



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**QUESTION NUMBER FOUR – ARE YOU DISCOURAGED BY THE PROBLEMS?**  
**– 1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-5**

**KEY VERSES 3:3, 4**

v. 1 Wherefore no longer being able to bear it, we considered it good to be left behind in Athens alone;  
v. 2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and fellow worker of God (God’s helper) in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you concerning your faith;  
v. 3 so that no one might be deceived in these afflictions; for you yourselves are knowing that we are destined for this.  
v. 4 For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were to be afflicted; even as also it came to pass, and you are knowing.  
v. 5 Because of this I also, when I could not bear it any longer, sent [him] that I might come to know your faith, lest perchance the one who is tempting tempted you, and our work should be in vain.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What did Paul do to gain information about the Thessalonians, according to verse 1?

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3. Describe in your own words Paul’s emotional state, according to verse 1.

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4. How does Paul describe Timothy in verse 2?

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5. What is the two-fold mission of Timothy, according to verse 2?

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6. Explain “deceived” and “destined” in relationship to suffering in verse 3.

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7. What was Paul telling them in advance, according to verse 4?

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8. How can Satan use suffering to his advantage, and what was Paul’s fear, according to verse 5?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Satan might have hindered but it was the Father’s plan to send Timothy to Thessalonica.

LESSON #2: Paul was willing to forego the pleasure of Timothy’s presence so that the Thessalonians might be strengthened and encouraged.

LESSON #3: Do you have that same deep love that the apostle Paul displays here for the Thessalonians?

LESSON #4: Timothy was willing to go anywhere at any cost to do anything for the glory of God.

LESSON #5: Has Satan been successful in deceiving you in the midst of your afflictions?

LESSON #6: Don't ever lose your confidence in the purpose and plan of our sovereign God when you are going through difficulties.

LESSON #7: Trials are the Christian's appointment and destiny.

LESSON #8: Christ-like character comes from the crucible.

LESSON #9: Temptation and deception are primary in Satan's battle plan.

LESSON #10: Satan uses discouragement, depression, disobedience, and defeat to accomplish his purposes.

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**QUESTION NUMBER FIVE – ARE YOU AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS IN YOUR WALK WITH THE LORD? – 1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-10**

**KEY VERSE 3:7**

v. 6 But now Timothy, having come to us from you, also brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you are having a kindly remembrance of us always, eagerly desiring to see us as also we are eagerly desiring to see you,

v. 7 because of this we were encouraged, brethren, about you in all our calamities and afflictions through your faith;

v. 8 because now we are living, if you are standing firm in the Lord.

v. 9 For what thanks are we able to return to God concerning you for all the joy with which we are rejoicing on account of you in the presence of our God,

v.10 night and day praying as earnestly as possible that we might see your face and complete what is lacking in your faith?

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What kind of report did Timothy bring back, according to verse 6?

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3. What is the content of Timothy's report, according to verse 6?

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4. What is Paul's response to this report, according to verse 7?

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5. Can you think of someone you have encouraged in their tough times by your faith?

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6. What do you think Paul means when he says: "because now we are living, if you are standing firm in the Lord"? (verse 8)

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7. What two things is Paul praying for in verse 10?

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8. What does Paul means when he says: "to complete what is lacking in your faith," according to verse 10?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Paul’s deep love and involvement in the lives of his young converts are a real inspiration.

LESSON #2: Our faithful walk with the Lord can be a real encouragement to other believers.

LESSON #3: We can use our life and our lips to be an encouragement to our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

LESSON #4: Calamities and afflictions are part and parcel of the Christian experience.

LESSON #5: Paul was so intimately involved with his young converts in Thessalonica that their “standing firm” affected his joy in living.

LESSON #6: Joy is the result in the lives of leaders who have seen God bear fruit through them.

LESSON #7: Paul prays earnestly when he prays.

LESSON #8: Many times our thoughts are not His thoughts and our ways are not His ways.

LESSON #9: Paul’s desire to return to Thessalonica was to outfit them for their conflict in the rest of the journey.

LESSON #10: It was rooting and fruiting that was lacking in their faith.

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**QUESTION NUMBER SIX – HOW IS YOUR PRAYER LIFE? – 1 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13**

**KEY VERSE 3:11**

v.11 Now may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you;

v.12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also do for you;

v.13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness in the presence of our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. For what does Paul pray in verse 11?

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3. What is the content of his prayer in verse 12?

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4. Why does Paul pray the way he does, according to verse 13?

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5. According to 1 John 3:2 what is going to happen when the Lord Jesus comes again?

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6. How is your personal prayer life? How much do you pray? How often do you pray? What are the concerns for which you pray?

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7. Do you pray often or only when you have problems that you cannot handle?

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8. According to John 16:24 what has the Lord promised to us? Look up some other prayer promises in the Word so you can share them.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When we come to God in prayer, we must recognize His sovereignty.

LESSON #2: The Father’s purpose, plan and program for us might be quite different than we think, and therefore it is our place to submit and to surrender.

LESSON #3: The Lord has promised to direct our steps in the path of His choosing. His path is revealed by prayer.

LESSON #4: Growing and increasing in our capacity for love is a lifetime experience with our Lord.

LESSON #5: It is the Lord who produces His love in us.

LESSON #6: We are to love those who are in the family and those who are out of the family.

LESSON #7: It is the Lord who will strengthen and establish us.

LESSON #8: We will stand spotless before His throne because of His work in our lives.

LESSON #9: Are you going to be there “when the saints go marching in”?

LESSON #10: How is your prayer life?

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## **QUESTION NUMBER SEVEN – HAVE YOU GOTTEN DIRTY? – 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8**

### **KEY VERSE 4:3**

v. 1 Finally therefore, brethren, we are asking and exhorting you in the Lord Jesus, in order that, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God (just as also you are walking), in order that you may abound more and more.

v. 2 For you are knowing what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

v. 3 For this is the will of God, your being set apart; that you should keep yourselves away from fornication;

v. 4 that each one of you should know that he is to take a wife for himself (or gain control over his own body) in consecration and honor,

v. 5 not in lustful passion, even as also the Gentiles who do not know God;

v. 6 that no one be overstepping and taking advantage of his brother in this matter because the Lord is the one who punishes concerning all these things, even as we also told you before and warned you.

v. 7 For God called us not for uncleanness, but in holiness.

v. 8 Therefore, the one who is rejecting [this] is not rejecting man but God who also is giving his Holy Spirit to us.

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is Paul asking them to do in verse 1?

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3. What is the “will of God,” according to verse 3?

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4. Do you think Paul thought it was wrong to be married? If not, why not?

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5. When we sin against our bodies, who is the one who punishes, according to verse 6?

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6. What is God's calling, according to verse 7? Apply this calling to your personal life and conduct.

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7. If we reject this instruction, whom are we "rejecting," according to verse 8?

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8. Who is the gift of God, according to verse 8?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Paul's exhortation in this passage is to sexual holiness.

LESSON #2: The key to effective Christian living is to conduct ourselves in such a way as to please God.

LESSON #3: The Christian life was never meant to be a standstill, or arrived experience.

LESSON #4: There is no finality in our Christian lives—we are either going up or down.

LESSON #5: The will of God is for us to continue to become more holy as time goes by.

LESSON #6: The ways to get snagged into irresponsible sexual behavior are: wrong thinking, poor judgment, compromise, and selfishness.

LESSON #7: It is the Spirit of God who produces the fruit of self-control in the life of the believer.

LESSON #8: There is the potential for victory in every area of our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

LESSON #9: The Lord deals severely with sexual disobedience.

LESSON #10: Learn to just say no.

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**QUESTION NUMBER EIGHT – IS YOUR LIFE A WITNESS? – 1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12**

**KEY VERSE 4:11**

v. 9 Now concerning brotherly love, you are not having need that I should be writing to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; v.10 for indeed, you are doing the same for all the brethren in the whole of Macedonia. But we are exhorting you, brethren, to excel more and more [in this love], v.11 and to make it your ambition to live quietly and to busy yourselves with your own affairs and to work with your hands, even as we commanded you; v.12 in order that you may behave decently toward those who are outside and you may not be having need of anything.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. According to verse 9, who has taught them to love one another?

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3. What is Paul telling them to do in verse 10?

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4. What should be their “ambition,” according to verse 11?

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5. Why is Paul asking them to conduct themselves in this way, according to verse 12?

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6. Do you feel that as a Christian we have the responsibility to be a witness by our life? If so, how can we do this? See also 1 Peter 3:15.

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7. What is the content of a good witness, according to 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4?

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8. What is the promise in Psalms 126:5, 6 and Galatians 6:9 to those who are faithful in witnessing?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: If the Lord were to examine your level of love, what kind of rating would you get?

LESSON #2: What are some of the areas in your life where you are presently being “taught by God”?

LESSON #3: An effective witness focuses on our love, our life, and lastly, our lip.

LESSON #4: As we live with Christ, our love grows more perfect and complete.

LESSON #5: Are you growing in your capacity for love by your intimacy with Jesus Christ?

LESSON #6: Have you entered into His rest and are you living quietly?

LESSON #7: Will you forsake the stuff that is stressing and worrying you at this time?

LESSON #8: Do with all your might what your hand finds to do.

LESSON #9: Stay by the stuff and live life one day at a time.

LESSON #10: There is no room for laziness in the Christian life.

LESSON #11: Needy idlers are not good Christians.

LESSON #12: Are you behaving decently toward those who are not Christians?

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### **QUESTION NUMBER NINE – ARE YOU AFRAID OF DEATH?** **– 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

#### **KEY VERSE 4:13**

v.13 Now we are not wishing you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are falling asleep, in order that you may not be mourning, even as also the rest who are having no hope.

v.14 For since we are believing that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

v.15 For this we are saying to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are living, we who are left behind for the coming of the Lord, we shall by no means precede those who fell asleep.

v.16 Because the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the call of the trumpet sounded by God's command; and the dead in Christ shall be raised first.

v.17 Then we who are living, who are left behind, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

v.18 So keep on encouraging one another with these words.

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is it that Paul wants to tell them, according to verse 13?

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3. To what great event does Paul make reference in verse 14?

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4. What is the basis for Paul's instruction, according to verse 15?

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5. Who will be the first to rise at the rapture, according to verse 15?

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6. Describe the rapture and sequence of events from verses 16 & 17.

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7. What is going to happen to those who are still alive at this time, according to verse 17?

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8. If we are Christians, why is it that we should not be afraid of death? Read also 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 to help answer this question.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Death for the believer is like falling asleep.

LESSON #2: We have a hope that is steadfast and sure.

LESSON #3: Because we have a living Savior, He can and will return again.

LESSON #4: When He comes back, He will bring along with Him all those who have died knowing Christ.

LESSON #5: In the resurrection, the dead in Christ shall precede those who are still remaining upon the earth.

LESSON #6: The Lord himself is the One who is going to be coming down from heaven to take us to the place that He has prepared.

LESSON #7: The dead in Christ shall be raised first, then those who are living will be caught up.

LESSON #8: At the rapture, all the believers are going to be meeting the Lord in the air.

LESSON #9: We are commanded to be encouraging one another with these words.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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## **QUESTION NUMBER TEN – IS THE FUTURE FOGGY? – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11**

### **KEY VERSE 5:1**

v. 1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you are not having need that I should be writing to you.

v. 2 For you yourselves are knowing accurately that the day of the Lord is coming as a thief at night.

v. 3 When they are saying, “Peace and security,” then sudden destruction is coming upon them even as birth pains upon a woman with child; and they shall by no means escape.

v. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should come down upon you as a thief;

v. 5 for all of you are sons of light and sons of day. We are not of the night nor of darkness;

v. 6 so then, let us not go on sleeping as do the rest, but let us be awake and self-controlled.

v. 7 For those who are sleeping are sleeping at night, and those who are getting drunk are getting drunk at night.

v. 8 But we who are of the day, let us be self-controlled, having clothed ourselves with a breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

v. 9 Because God did not appoint us to wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

v.10 who died for us, in order that whether we are awake or sleeping, we might live together with Him.

v.11 Therefore be encouraging one another, and be building one another up, one the other even as also you are doing.

### **NOTES**

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How is the “day of the Lord” going to come, according to verse 2?

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3. What are people going to be saying when this time comes, according to verse 3?

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4. In verses 4 & 5 Paul divides mankind into two classes. Please describe these two classes.

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5. What does Paul tell us to do in verse 6?

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6. What are we supposed to do, according to verse 8?

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7. Why do we need not fear the “day of the Lord” if we are Christians, according to verse 9?

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8. What does Paul tell us to do in verse 11?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: “The day of the Lord” described here in this passage follows the rapture of the church.

LESSON #2: “The day of the Lord” involves both judgment and blessing.

LESSON #3: “The day of the Lord” involves the tribulation period as well as the millennial kingdom.



LESSON #4: It is possible to be asleep spiritually and miss so much of what God has for us.

LESSON #5: To be “self-controlled” is to live in light of our future.

LESSON #6: We are commanded not to go on sleeping but to be awake and self-controlled.

LESSON #7: We are to put on the “breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.”

LESSON #8: God did not appoint us to wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON #9: Jesus died for us on the cross of Calvary.

LESSON #10: We are to be encouraging and edifying one another.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**QUESTION NUMBER ELEVEN – HAVE YOU TRIED THIS? – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-22**

**KEY VERSE 5:18**

v.12 Now we are asking you, brethren, to know (recognize) those who are toiling among you, and those who are in authority over you in the Lord and those who are exhorting you,  
v.13 and be respecting them very highly in love for their work. Be at peace among yourselves.  
v.14 Now we are urging you, brethren, to be admonishing the lazy (idle), be encouraging the discouraged, be paying attention to those who are weak, be patient toward all.  
v.15 Be seeing to it that no one gives back evil for evil to anyone, but always be pursuing the good for one another and for all.  
v.16 Always be rejoicing;  
v.17 unceasingly be praying;  
v.18 in everything be giving thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
v.19 Stop stifling the Spirit;  
v.20 stop rejecting with contempt prophesyings.  
v.21 But be putting all things to the test, and holding fast the good;  
v.22 be abstaining from every form (kind) of evil.

**NOTES**

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is our attitude to be towards those who are in “authority” over us, according to verses 12 & 13?

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3. What does Paul tell us to do in verse 14?

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4. What is our responsibility toward those who hurt us, according to verse 15?

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5. What three things does Paul tell us to do in verses 16-18?

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6. Why are we to be “giving thanks,” according to verse 18?

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7. How do you think it is possible to quench the Holy Spirit in our lives?

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8. What are we supposed to be doing, according to verse 21?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We are commanded to recognize and respect the leadership over us in the body of Christ.

LESSON #2: We are to be busy about the Lord’s work.

LESSON #3: We are to be encouraging the discouraged.

LESSON #4: We are to be patient with everyone.

LESSON #5: The Christian is to be joyful no matter what the circumstances may be.

LESSON #6: We are commanded to maintain constant communion with our Savior.

LESSON #7: We can be giving thanks in all things because His sovereignty has allowed it.

LESSON #8: We can be guilty of grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit.

LESSON #9: We must accept and obey the teaching of Scripture.

LESSON #10: We are to steer clear of all evil.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**QUESTION NUMBER TWELVE – ARE YOU PLUGGED IN? – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-28****KEY VERSE 5:24**

v.23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely (through and through); and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

v.24 Faithful is the one who is calling you, who also will do it.

v.25 Brethren, be praying also for us.

v.26 Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

v.27 I am binding you with an oath by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brethren.

v.28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is Paul's desire for them in verse 23?

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3. What two things are mentioned to us in verse 24 that God is doing?

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4. What does Paul ask them to do for him in verse 25?

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5. Explain what you think Paul means in verse 26.

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6. What does Paul ask that they do with the letter which he has sent, according to verse 27?

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7. What is Paul's final wish for them in verse 28?

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8. What verse in this study has meant the most to you?

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9. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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10. In what areas of your life has the Spirit of God spoken to you in this study of 1 Thessalonians, and how are you going to be different as a result of your obedience?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Have you experienced the peace that “the God of peace” wants to give you?

LESSON #2: Salvation, sanctification, and glorification are all God's responsibility.

LESSON #3: Surrender, submission, and obedience allow God to work unhindered in producing holiness in our lives.

LESSON #4: We are going to be presented without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON #5: God is faithful and will fulfill His promises.

LESSON #6: You can depend upon God.

LESSON #7: He is calling you to relationship, to suffer, to sacrifice, to serve, to sanctification, and ultimate glorification.

LESSON #8: When He comes into our lives He washes out our record, sets us free, gives us strength for victory, lives in us, sustains us in suffering, and makes us more like Christ.

LESSON #9: Paul recognized the power and potential of prayer in God's program.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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