



**A STUDY ON 1 THESSALONIANS
WEEKLY CHAPTER THEMES**

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5
THE RIGHT MOTIVE	THE RIGHT METHOD	THE RIGHT METTLE	THE RIGHT MASTER	THE RIGHT MINDSET
Christ's Heart	Christ's Strategy	Christ's Strength	Christ's Authority	Christ's Return
"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love..." (v. 3)	"You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed - God is our witness." (v. 5)	"For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord." (v. 8)	"For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus." (v. 2)	"But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief." (v. 4)

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. ²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG (RIGHT)

“...You became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.”
1 THESSALONIANS 1:7

WHY WAS IT WRITTEN? ACTS 17:1-9

1. To ground them in the great truths of the Christian faith **(1-3)**
2. To inform them about the details of the Lord’s return **(EVERY CHAPTER!)**
3. To challenge them to stay at it! **(EVERY CHAPTER!)**

PRINCIPLES WE CAN LEARN FROM THEIR EXAMPLE...

1. Worked with the RIGHT _____

“We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (vv. 2-4)

- Work Produced by Faith - _____ Church
- Labor Prompted by Love - _____ Church
- Endurance Inspired by Hope - _____ Church

2. Inspired by the RIGHT _____

“You became imitators of us and of the Lord... And so you became a model to all the believers...” (vv. 6-7)



KEYS TO BEING A GREAT MODEL: (ACTS 20 FAREWELL AT EPHEBUS)

- _____ - We need to get close
"Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears." ACTS 20:31

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice." PHILIPPIANS 4:9

- _____ - We need to be real

"I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents." ACTS 20:19

- _____ - We need to be righteous

"I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions." ACTS 20:33-34

- _____ - We need to keep going

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me." ACTS 20:24

3. Lived for the RIGHT RESULTS

"...You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath." (vv. 9-10)

Result #1 - They lived _____ lives

"...You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God."

Result #2 – They lived _____ lives

“...To wait for his Son from heaven.”

Result #3 – They lived _____ lives

“...Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”

“Our churches are full of the nicest, kindest people who have never known the despair of guilt or the breathless wonder of forgiveness.”

-P. T. FORSYTH



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