

With The Master In View of His Return
Lesson 10 - Paul's Passion to See the Thessalonians - 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10

1. (a) Read I Thessalonians 3:6-10. What is Paul longing for? (b) How many other times has he already mentioned this in 1 Thessalonians? (c) Why do you think this was so important to him?

2. Memorize 1 Thessalonians 3:8

3. (a) Why do you think Paul would need to see them face to face to perfect what was lacking in their faith? (b) Why couldn't he do that from a distance? (See 1 Peter 5:1-4 for some possible thoughts.)

4. (a) Looking over 1 Thessalonians, what do you think are some of the things that Paul might be referring to that are "lacking in (their) faith"? (b) What are some things that might be lacking in your faith? (c) Do you have anyone helping you with those?

5. The church at Thessalonica brought great joy to the Apostle Paul-see 1 Thessalonians 3:9. (a) What other church brought him joy? See Philippians 4:1. (b) Skim through 1 Thessalonians and Philippians and see what reasons these two churches perhaps brought Paul so much joy? (c) Now skim 1 Corinthians and Galatians to see why these two churches did not bring Paul so much joy? (d) According to Hebrews 13:17 why is it important that we bring joy to our spiritual leaders? (e) Do you bring joy or grief to your spiritual leaders? (f) How do you think your church could improve in bringing joy to those who lead you spiritually?

6. (a) What people bring you joy in your life and why? (b) When you are absent from those you love and feel distressed about it, what action can you take to check on their welfare? (c) How is that different than the action Paul could take in checking on the Thessalonians? (d) How do you handle any emotions that might be sinful when you are absent from loved ones?

7. In looking back at questions 5 and 6, what is God the Holy Spirit impressing on your heart to change? Please put your answer in the form of a prayer request.