

NIV MEMORY VERSE: 1 Thessalonians 1:3**General & Personal Letters 10-1**

We continually 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.

"THE MODEL CHURCH"
READ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3:13

DAY 1 READ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3:13

1. What made an impression on you from last week's lesson?
2. As background for this letter, answer these questions from Acts 17:1-15.
 - a. What pattern had Paul established as he went into a new town with the gospel?
 - b. What did he prove to them from the Scriptures?
 - c. What response was there (positive and negative) in Thessalonica?
positive:

negative:
 - d. How was Paul's ministry interrupted?
 - e. In what way were the Jews of Berea more noble minded than those in Thessalonica?
 - f. How was Paul's ministry again disrupted?
 - g. Whom did Paul leave behind and with what instruction?

DAY 2 REVIEW 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

3. a. What spiritual qualities of these believers did the missionary leaders always remember?

b. Do you talk to God about your friends in Christ as Paul did? How do you think that would benefit them and you? Please share.
4. a. How had the gospel come to the Thessalonians?

b. Why do you think that's important?
5. Although a new church and undergoing persecution, for what did Paul commend them in verses 6-8?
6. If you only had verses 9 and 10, what would you know about the Christian message?

DAY 3 REVIEW 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

7. In coming to Thessalonica, Paul and his companions had just left Philippi. From these verses in Acts 16, briefly describe how they had been treated there?
vs. 16-19

vs. 22-24

vs. 36-40
8. Regardless of these experiences, what did Paul and Silas do in Thessalonica according to vs. 2?
9. If verses 3-6 were answers to accusations, what had the opposition been saying?
10. What claims did Paul make for his lifestyle during his stay in Thessalonica?
11. a. What was Paul's main concern for the Thessalonians?
b. Paul wrote to encourage the Thessalonians. When was the last time you encouraged someone or received encouragement? Please share.

DAY 4 REVIEW 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

12. a. How was the Word of God accepted by the Thessalonian believers?
b. What affect has accepting the Word of God had on your life?
13. How were the Thessalonians imitators of the churches in Judea?
14. (IN-DEPTH) Paul said he was being hindered from speaking to the Gentiles so that they might be saved. From your Bible knowledge, why was accepting Gentiles offensive to the Jews?

DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

15. The "crown of rejoicing" (KJV) verse 19 is the soul winner's crown.

a. What do the following Scriptures say?

Proverbs 11:30

Daniel 12:3

Luke 15:10

b. Have you had the wonderful joy of leading someone to Christ? Please share.

DAY 5 REVIEW 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

16. In verses 1-5, for what reasons did Paul send Timothy back to Thessalonica?

17. What good news did Timothy bring?

18. What brought real joy to Paul in verse 8?

19. For what did Paul pray?

20. a. Each chapter in 1 Thessalonians closes with a reference to what future event?

b. How does this expectation influence your daily life? Please share.

21. The church in Thessalonica was an inspiring church (1:8) as their faith spread out everywhere. In what ways do you think the church today is inspiring society and the world?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses . . ."
Francis Asbury 1745-1816