

**Be ready. Be ready. Be ready.**

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I Thessalonians 3:1-13

1. Paul sent them a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith" (I Thessalonians 3:1-2)*

2. Paul had a \_\_\_\_\_ concern for the believers in Thessalonica.

3. Timothy was a man of great devotion and \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare." (Philippians 2:20)*

4. The church had \_\_\_\_\_.

*"so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them. In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain."*  
(I Thessalonians 3:3-5)

- When we have trials and testings come into our lives as Christians, they are not accidents they are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)*

*"For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain."*  
(I Thessalonians 3:5)

*"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (I Peter 5:8)*

- When the enemy attacks it is our \_\_\_\_\_ that keeps our feet firmly on the ground.

*"for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." (I John 5:4)*

5. Paul wrote them a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have*

*pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. For now, we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.” (I Thessalonians 3:6-8)*

*“So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.” (II Thessalonians 2:15)*

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (II Timothy 3:16-17)*

6. Paul wholeheartedly \_\_\_\_\_ for these new believers.

*“How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we*

*pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.” (I Thessalonians 3:9-10)*

*“As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right.” (I Samuel 12:23)*

- A. Paul prayed that their faith might \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Paul prayed that their \_\_\_\_\_ would abound.

*“Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.” (I Thessalonians 3:11-12)*

*“Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.” (I Thessalonians 4:9)*

*“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.” (I Thessalonians 3:12)*

C. Paul’s third request is for \_\_\_\_\_ in their hearts and behavior.

*“May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.” (I Thessalonians 3:13)*

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,” (Ephesians 3:20)*

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,” (Romans 8:1)*

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