

Local Outreach Sunday

“Gospel Driven Work”

1 Thessalonians

September 28, 2025 —The Lord’s Day Morning

Throughout 1 Thessalonians we are called to be people of character, especially to those outside the household of faith. In 1 Thessalonians Paul demonstrates two essential traits necessary for effective, credible leadership:

Competence + Character = Credibility

Competence: The ability to articulate and defend sound doctrine in love.

Character: The humility to apply and practice sound doctrine in love.

Credibility: The quality of being trustworthy, reliable, convincing, and believable.

This credibility with those outside the church requires hard work. Indeed, in order to be a credible witness to others, we must work to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, until Christ returns.

Gospel work is hard work.

1. Gospel work verifies our _____. (1 Thess. 1:2-4)
2. Gospel work requires _____. (1 Thess. 2:5-8)
3. Gospel work requires _____. (1 Thess. 2:9-12)

Gospel work is for insiders and outsiders

1. We are to unconditionally love _____. (1 Thess. 3:11-12)
2. We are to be financially _____, so we can help others. (1 Thess. 4:9-12)
3. We are to always seek the _____ of others. (1 Thess. 5:14)

Gospel work is motivated by Christ’s return, for our time is short.

1. We must work _____, in light of Christ’s return. (1Thess. 3:11-13)
2. We are children of _____, not _____. (1 Thess. 5:4,5)
3. We need to be _____ and _____ in our walk. (1 Thess. 5:6)