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#### BROTHERLY LOVE AND INDUSTRY (I Thessalonians 4:9-12)

There was another matter with which Paul needed to deal. He begins by telling them he doesn't need to remind them about brotherly love, because they themselves are taught of God to love one another; and he has heard how they have showed love to the Macedonian Church; but he beseeches them to grow in love.

1. Paul goes on to instruct them in business and love; and how to practice self control in all things. What does he tell them? (I Thessalonians 4: 11,12) \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### THE DEAD IN CHRIST (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Some of the Thessalonian Christians had died and the believers which had just come out of paganism seemed to be deeply troubled about what

## SECOND STUDY

### PAUL'S GREAT LOVE FOR THESSALONIANS TIMOTHY'S VISIT AND REPORT (I Thessalonians 3:1-13)

According to Luke's record in Acts, Paul had left Silas and Timothy behind in Berea, and had traveled with some brethren to Athens.

In Acts 17:13-16 and 18:5, we discover that some Jews of Thessalonica had found out that Paul was preaching the Word of God at Berea (concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God), they came and stirred up the people and the brethren sent Paul to go to the sea: but Silas and Timothy remained there still . . . *and they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and . . .* received instructions for Silas and Timothy that they should come to him as soon as possible: while Paul was waiting for them in Athens.

Though it is not clear in Scripture (but it is possible), that after Timothy and Silas joined Paul in Athens, Timothy was sent to Thessalonica, and Silas somewhere else.

Nevertheless, Paul begins in I Thessalonians Chapter 3 that he was left alone without a companion-in-ministry.

1. Why does Paul say is his reason for sending Timothy to the Thessalonian believers? (I Thes-

salonians 3:2)\_\_\_\_\_

Paul reminds the Church that though they were facing opposition and persecutions, these things would only serve in the advancement of God's purposes (I Thessalonians 3:3,4; ref. Acts 11:19; Romans 5:3; II Corinthians 4:17).

2. Why was Paul so concerned about their faith holding up? (I Thessalonians 3:5) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What kind of report did Timothy bring back to Paul? (I Thessalonians 3:6) \_\_\_\_\_

Paul and his companions in the faith were greatly comforted over them in all their afflictions and stress, by their faith.

4. (a) Fill in the blanks: (I Thessalonians 3:8)  
*For \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_, if \_\_\_\_\_*  
*\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.*

(b) What do you think Paul meant by . . . *we live if ye stand fast in the Lord.*? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What was Paul's prayer night and day for the Thessalonian Church? (I Thessalonians 3:10)\_\_\_\_\_

Paul added this prayer . . . *Now God Himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.*

*And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:*

*To the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.*

6. What do you think Paul meant when he prayed . . . *at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.*? (I Thessalonians 3:13)\_\_\_\_\_

#### GUIDANCE IN DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING (I Thessalonians 4:1-12)

In Paul's guidance of daily Christian living, he begins with exhorting the believers to a life of obedience and purity (I Thessalonians 4:1-8).

1. Name some of Paul's instructions of guidance mentioned in I Thessalonians 4:1-8:

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