

November 23, 2025
I Thessalonians 1:7-10
Waiting, Working, And Watching

Principles And Practical Application

The Thessalonians became an example worthy of imitating. Macedonia and Achaia, neighboring provinces, received a positive influence through their Christian example. All of this area was relatively poor compared to some. Yet, Paul was able to use them as an example to the Corinthians to give sacrificially for the cause of Christ. *The pocketbook is a great indicator of a Christian's spirituality.*

People were coming up to Paul and telling him how his ministry in Thessalonica had impacted their lives through the witness of the Thessalonians! *The Thessalonians were bold witnesses and should challenge every true child of God in this place today.*

God is the only living and true God. It stands to reason that He is the only one worth following since the others are not alive therefore not worthy objects of anyone's worship. *What do you put first in your life? Behold, there is where your worship lies.*

Jesus is our coming Rescuer from the wrath of God. This wrath will come in varying times and ways as history is being rolled up. The Great Tribulation will be rough but perhaps the worst will be at the culmination of all wrath at the Great White Throne Judgement. Every chapter in this book ends talking about Jesus' return. *Make your calling and election sure, II Peter 1:10.*

The unbelief of others did not shake Paul's conviction to preach. *No matter your calling in life, Christian men and women are called to share their faith with others.*

Paul never made a statement like the one in **verse seven** to any other church; your faith is an example to all. *As members of this church let's strive to live up to this high standard.*

A life well lived for Christ is a life worth imitating. *Please God by living out your Christian life as an example to others.*

Application:

The characteristic most commendable of the church was how the Word sounded forth from its walls and out of its doors. Like a blaring trumpet or a crack of thunder. This gospel message coverage was so complete that Paul didn't need to say anything. Instead of Paul telling those he met about what had taken place in that city people were approaching him telling what they had heard! This was a church with a reputation and an impact on the people who passed by. Change had come, they had made a break from idolatry. This was a huge deal because their whole community and culture was wrapped up in such activities. We live in a tough time to be a Christian as well. We can be an example to others and have joy as we go by the power of the Holy Spirit living within us. To follow Jesus is worth it no matter the cost.