





Paul Describes Faithful Living

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Lesson Focus

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians to encourage them in their faith. They had become examples of faithful living, proclaiming the gospel in spite of persecution. Paul encouraged them to continue, looking to the hope of Jesus' second coming as their comfort and motivation. Paul also warned them against an idle lifestyle and charged them to not grow weary of doing good.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–3, 4:16–18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–2, 3:11–13

Grades 4–5: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–7, 4:1, 4:16–18, 5:8–11; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–2, 3:11–13

What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians gave them encouragement to continue living faithfully amid persecution. Paul was thankful for their faith, hope, and love being an example to other believers.
- ▶ Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians offered correction for the false teaching that Jesus' second coming had already happened and for idle people to work productively and stop being busybodies. He urged them to not grow weary of doing good.

