

# 1 THESSALONIANS

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Identify some reasons for your thanksgiving to God because of other people.
2. Paul identifies three reasons—"cardinal virtues"—for his thanksgiving on behalf of the Thessalonians. First, "your work of faith" (v. 3). Why do we sometimes see work as conflicting with faith (c.f., Ephesians 2:8-9)?

We are saved "through faith" and "not as a result of works." What, then, is "work of faith"?

Can you identify any examples of this work of faith in vv. 4-10?

3. The second cardinal virtue is "your . . . labor of love." Describe how love can be hard labor. (Why is love so difficult?)

Who is the main object or recipient of this love? Why is this love, then, such a motivation for this labor?

Can you identify any examples of this love in vv. 4-10?

4. The third cardinal virtue is “your . . . steadfastness of hope.” Provide a definition of hope.

Can you cite examples of the need for, or value of, hope in vv. 4-10?

5. How does “full conviction” (v. 5) make a difference to your faith, love & hope?

6. Who has been a good example of Christian living to you and why (vv. 6-7)?

7. What does it mean “to wait for His Son from heaven” (v. 10)? What does that look like?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will make my faith tangible this week by . . .

I will reveal my love for the Lord this week by . . .

I will express my hope this week by . . .