

1 THESSALONIANS

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Why does the Apostle Paul continue to offer his thanksgiving to God for the Thessalonian believers (v. 13; c.f., 1:2-3)?
2. In what two ways had the Thessalonian believers responded to the gospel of God (v. 13)? How do these differ?
3. What is the practical importance of the word of God in our lives (v. 13)? What does that look like?
4. How are the Thessalonians again imitators (vv. 13-16)? What is Paul's intention in drawing this comparison?
5. What kept Paul from revisiting Thessalonica (vv. 17-18)?

Identify some ways in which Satan may hinder a believer. What is our best response to such interference (Ephesians 6:10-18)?

6. What can those who do not please God expect at the Lord's coming (v. 16)? To what extent?
7. How does Paul set the same scene from the perspective of a believer (vv. 19-20)? Describe how this promotes personal confidence and stimulates endurance.
8. Identify some of those for whom *you* will be their crown of exultation in the presence of the Lord. (Who has made an eternal influence on you?)

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will receive the word of God this week by . . .

I will accept the word of God this week by . . .

I will walk in the full armor of God this week by . . .