

1 THESSALONIANS

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is it that Paul could endure no longer (vv. 1, 5)?

2. Describe how Paul would get around the hindrances of Satan (vv. 1-2).

What effect, or impact, would this solution have on Paul (c.f., Acts 17:16)?

3. What does Paul hope to accomplish in sending Timothy to the Thessalonians (vv. 2-3, 5)?

4. What does Paul say about afflictions (vv. 3-4)? How is this helpful (or not helpful)?

5. What was Paul's fear concerning these afflictions (vv. 3, 5)?

6. Satan is a hinderer (2:18) and a tempter. How can you tell the difference between doors closed by God (c.f., Acts 16:6-7) and the hindrances of Satan?

7. What is your first & best line of defense against the tempter (c.f., Matthew 4:1-11)?

8. What is your reaction to the following quotation: "I always count it to be my duty to show the devil that I am his enemy, and if I do that, I expect that he will show me that he is mine"?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will be strengthened in my faith this week by . . .

I will be encouraged in my faith this week by . . .

I will be a strengthener & encourager to others this week by . . .