

Ladies Bible Study for November 3rd

Read & Study 1 Thessalonians 2:10-20

Verse 10 How does Paul describe his and Silas's conduct while ministering to the Thessalonians?

Whom does he say is his witness to this behavior?

What can you learn from Paul & Silas on how to treat others? Why is it so important to be a good role model for those you are ministering to?

Verses 11 & 12 Compare & contrast verse 2:7 (mother) with 2:11 (father), keeping in mind spiritual relationships. You may need surrounding verses for support, but also what you know about how good mothers & fathers interact with their own children.

Verse 13 Paul is thankful that the Thessalonians realized and received the message he was sharing as what?

And not what?

How does this knowledge help you to share Bible truths with others?

And the hard part...how will it help you to ***listen*** to others when they ***correct*** you with biblical truth?

Jot down the very last part of the verse...(probably around 8-10 words or a full sentence depending on the translation). What does God's Word do in believers?

Verse 14 How were the Thessalonians akin to the "believers in God's churches in Judea" (NLT version)? Read Acts 8:1-3 for context. What happened to the Thessalonian believers & by whom?

Paul uses the word imitated or imitators to describe the Thessalonians. What do you think he's trying to say about their behavior? See Acts 8:4

Verse 15-16 Based on these 2 verses alone, what do you think is Paul's opinion of "the Jews"?

Now, think about this...why didn't the Jews just leave Paul & company alone to preach to the Gentiles and be deceived by this new teaching? What did the Jews do instead? List any biblical references you find concerning the Jews behavior.

Consider Romans 9:1-3. What do you think about his opinions about the Jews based on those verses?

Verse 17 Paul considers himself to be a spiritual parent to the Thessalonians. And like a parent, though one cannot always be with a child or loved one, what often remains?

Verse 18 and read Ephesians 6:10-13. Paul attributes their inability to get back to Thessalonica being whose doing?

Who is sovereign?

What can we possibly conclude about God's will for Paul and his ministry team?

Verse 19-20 What reward was Paul working for?

Read Revelation 7:9-12. Describe what is going on. Then answer the following questions:

- Will you be there?
- Are you living a life worthy of God's calling?
- ***Most importantly, are you regularly giving out invitations to this gathering?***