

Teamwork in Ministry

Study 4. 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

A. Paul's Willingness. 3:1

1. Paul had just stated in his letter that he had experienced a great desire to do what? 2:17 _____
2. Why had he and his team been unable to do what they wanted to do? 2:18 _____
3. What could he endure no longer? 3:1a _____

4. What did Paul think it was best to do? 3:1b _____

5. Have you ever desired fervently to know how another Christian is doing in his faith? _____

B. Paul Sent a Representative. 3:2-5

1. Whom did Paul send as his representative to check up on the well-being of the Thessalonians? 3:2a _____
2. Is there anyone you partner with in looking after the spiritual well-being of other Christians? _____
3. How does Paul describe this person he sent? 3:2b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. Why did Paul send Timothy to the Thessalonians?
 - a. To _____ 3:2c
 - b. Why else? So that _____
_____ 3:3a
5. What did the Thessalonians know was their destiny? 3:3b _____

6. What did Paul and his team, before they had left, keep telling the new

Thessalonian Christians? 3:4a _____

7. Had his prediction come true? 3:4b _____

8. What kind of affliction have you personally suffered in serving Jesus?

9. When Paul could stand it no longer, why did he send Timothy to them?
3:5a _____

10. What was he afraid Satan might have done? 3:5b _____

11. Of what was he afraid might have happened if Satan had been
successful? 3:5c _____

12. Are there any Christians you wonder if Satan has successfully tempted?

C. The Representative's Report. 3:6

1. Who had just returned from Thessalonica? _____

2. He had brought back good news of their _____ and _____.

3. What did Timothy report about the Thessalonians' attitude toward Paul
and his team?

a. _____

b. _____

D. Paul's Comfort. 3:7-10

1. Paul and his co-workers continued to experience what? 3:7a

a. _____

b. and _____

2. Yet, they were comforted on account of the Thessalonians' _____.
3:7b

3. Paul and his co-workers really find life worth living if the Thessalonians do
what? 3:8 _____

4. What do *you* find life really worth living for? _____

5. What did Paul gratefully render to God? 3:9a _____
6. What emotion did he and his team experience on account of the Thessalonians' faith? 3:9b _____
7. What did Paul and his team do before God on their account? 3:9c

8. Are there any Christians who give *you* great joy? _____
_____ Why, or why not? _____

9. What did Paul and his team keep doing night and day? 3:10a _____

10. There was a two-fold content to their prayers? They prayed that they might
a. _____ 3:10b
b. and might _____ 3:10c
11. Do you have a list (on paper or in your head) of people you pray for?

12. If so, for what do you pray on their behalf? _____

E. Paul's Prayer. 3:11-13

1. What was Paul's initial request? 3:11 _____

2. Are there any Christians for whom you are praying that you might see them again? _____
3. Paul next asks that the Lord might cause them to abound in what? 3:12

a. Toward _____
b. And toward _____

- c. Even as _____.
- 4. Paul next asked that the Lord might establish their hearts without _____ in _____ 3:13
 - a. Before whom? _____
 - b. When? _____
- 5. If you are praying for other Christians, for what are you praying in their lives? _____
- 6. Is your own heart established in holiness before God if Jesus should come today? _____

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