

Studies in First Thessalonians

NT Survey Lesson 80--1 Thessalonians 3

Introduction: In this chapter Paul tells the Thessalonians how he felt about them after leaving them. He speaks of his concern for them and how he was encouraged when he learned they were faithfully serving God.

Lesson aim: To learn to feel concern for the souls of others--to be saddened by their sins and to be made joyous by their faithfulness.

Paul's concern for the Thessalonians--1 Thes. 3:1-5

1. What did Paul say in 2:17 that he wanted to do?
2. Since Paul could not go, who did he send to the Thessalonians? (3:2)
3. What did Paul want Timothy to do?
4. About what had Paul warned the Thessalonians?
5. Of what was Paul afraid?

Paul's joy because of the Thessalonians--1 Thes. 3:6-10

1. About what things of the Thessalonians did Timothy report to Paul: a. their faith; b. their love; c. their desire to see Paul; d. all of these.
2. What did the Thessalonians faithfulness cause Paul to have?
3. Paul said, "we really live, if _____".
4. For what did Paul say he and Timothy kept praying most earnestly?

Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians--1 Thes. 3:11-13

1. In what did Paul pray the Thessalonians would abound?
2. Paul wanted the Thessalonians to be established in _____ before God.