
INSTRUCTIONS OF GOD IN THE LETTERS FROM PAUL

DEDUCTIVE LESSON THREE

1 Thessalonians 3

Day One: Verses 1–2

Read through the entire chapter of 1 Thessalonians 3. Then reread verses 1–2.

1. Wanting to know about the Thessalonians, Paul sent Timothy to them. How is Timothy described in verse 2?

2. What was Timothy sent to do?

3. Define encourage.

4. What do these verses say about encouraging others?

Colossians 3:16

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (You shouldn't have to look this one up!)

Hebrews 10:24–25

Optional Study: There was a man names Joses, in the Book of Acts, who was so encouraging that the apostles called him Barnabas, which is translated Son of Encouragement (Acts 4:36). Read about Barnabas on your own and, on a separate piece of paper, record your thoughts about this man and his encouraging personality. He is mentioned in Acts 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Scripture Memory: Continuing in our memorization of God’s instructions in the letters of Paul, this week’s Scripture Memory passage 1 Thessalonians 5:14:

“Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.” 1 Thessalonians 5:14 NKJV

Day Two: Verses 3–4

1. What does 1 Thessalonians 3:3–4 tell us?

2. Affliction and tribulation should come as no surprise to the Christian. What did Jesus say about these things?

John 15:19–21

John 16:33

3. What consolation do we have concerning affliction?

Psalm 119:49–50

Psalm 94:19

Romans 5:3–5

Scripture Memory: Fill in the missing words from memory.

“Now we _____ you, brethren, warn those who are _____, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with ____.” 1 _____ 5:14

Day Three: Verses 5–7

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:5–7.

1. What did Paul do, when he could no longer endure it?

2. What report did Timothy bring back to him?

3. What effect did this report have on Paul and the others?

Verses 5 mentions temptation. Let's take a closer look at what Scripture says about this topic.

4. What is (and what is not) the source of our temptations, according to James 1:13-14?

5. What three truths can be found in 1 Corinthians 10:13, regarding temptation?

6. How are we to guard against temptation? (Matthew 6:9, 13 and 26:41)

7. What did Jesus do to battle temptation, in Matthew 4:1-11?

Scripture Memory: Fill in the missing words from memory.

"Now we _____ you, brethren, warn those who are _____, _____ the fainthearted, uphold the _____, be patient with _____." _____:14

Day Four: Verses 8–11

Reread 1 Thessalonians 3:1–11, for review.

1. What are the Thessalonians exhorted to do, in verse 8, and what do you think that means?

2. Simplify verses 9–10. What is Paul saying?

3. The Greek word used for stand fast means to be stationary, or to persevere. It is used seven other times in the New Testament. Spend the rest of today reading those seven references. For each reference, write out one spiritual truth or point of application that you can glean about standing fast.

Mark 11:25

Romans 14:4 (For your information: if you are using NKJV, the first use of the word “stand” is the same that we read in 1 Thessalonians 3. The subsequent words translated as “stand” are a different Greek word.)

1 Corinthians 16:13

Galatians 5:1

Philippians 1:27

Philippians 4:1

2 Thessalonians 2:15

Scripture Memory: Fill in the missing words from memory.

"Now we _____ you, brethren, _____ those who are _____, _____ the
_____, uphold the _____, be _____ with _____." _____
____:_____

Day Five: Verses 12–13

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13.

1. What do Paul and the others pray for the Thessalonians (in verse 12)?
