

“A REAL HEART FOR MINISTRY AND FOR PEOPLE”

(1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

- I. **THE PRESCRIPT OF “1 THESSALONIANS” (1:1)**
- II. **THEIR THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THESE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS. (1:2-10)**
- III. **THE VINDICATION OF THEIR MESSAGE AND MINISTRY. (2:1-16)**
- IV. **THE EXPLANATION OF THEIR ABSENCE/SEPARATION (2:17-3:10)**

A. **Regarding PAUL. (2:17-20)**

B. **Regarding TIMOTHY. (3:1-8)**

1. The sending of Timothy. (3:1-8)

a. The *occasion* that prompted the sending of Timothy back to Thessalonica was _____
_____. (3:1a)

* What does this tell us?

b. The *attitude* associated with this action was _____ out of genuine pastoral concern... “*we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; and sent Timothy...*” (3:1b-2a)

* What does this reflect?

c. The *apostolic description* of Timothy is that of “*our brother, and _____ of God, and our _____ in the _____ of Christ...*” (3:2b)

* Could this be said of you?

d. The *purposes* in sending Timothy were to _____ and _____ them concerning their _____. (3:2c)

* How is this accomplished?

e. The *objective* of Timothy's ministry to them was "that _____ should be _____ by these _____." (3:3-4)

* Why should believers in Christ not be surprised by experiencing afflictions for the Gospel?

f. The *concern* of Paul in sending Timothy was regarding their _____ and _____ possible success.

* What does this teach you about Satan?

* What does this teach you about follow-up?

* What does this teach you about your ministry?

* How does this apply to you?