

“FINALLY, GOOD NEWS FROM THESSALONICA!”

(1 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

- 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 (2:17-3:8)

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

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

1. The sending of Timothy. (3:1-5)

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

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)

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

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

e. The *objective* of Timothy’s ministry to them was “that no one should be _____ by these _____.” (3:3-4)

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

2. The report from Timothy. (3:6-8)

a. Its *nature*... it was _____. (3:6a)

* How is this word normally used?

b. Its *primary content*... it was about their on-going _____ and _____ amidst affliction. (3:6b)

*** What is significant about this?**

c. Its *personal aspect*... it indicated their refusal to accept the _____ against Paul.
(3:6c)

*** How was this expressed?**

d. Its *result* was that despite their own _____ Paul's team was greatly
_____ by this report. (3:7-8)

*** Why was this especially helpful?**

*** What was the means to this?**

*** How was this encouragement expressed?**

*** What can you learn from this?**