

1 Thessalonians

I. Salutation and the Exemplary Church (1:1-10)

- A. Gratitude for the Thessalonians (1:2-4)
- B. Operation of the gospel among them (1:5-10)

II. The Exemplary Minister (2:1-20)

- A. Paul's ministry at Thessalonica (2:1-12)
- B. The Thessalonians' response (2:13-16)
- C. The apostle's subsequent relations with the Thessalonians (2:17-20)

III. The Exemplary Brother (3:1-13)

- A. Apostolic concern and their welfare (3:1-8)
- B. The apostolic intercession (3:9-13)

IV. Exemplary Walk (4:1-18)

- A. The walk described (4:1-12)
- B. The coming of Christ, the dynamic of a holy walk (4:13-18)

V. Exemplary Watchfulness and the Day of the Lord (5:1-24)

- A. The Day of the Lord and the need for watchfulness (5:1-11)
- B. Duties of church and private life (5:12-22)
- C. Prayer for sanctification (5:23-24)

VI. Conclusion (5:25-28)

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	The Pastor's Heart . . .			The Pastor's Burden . . .	
	<u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Remembering</u> <u>Affirming</u> <u>Reporting</u> CHAPTER 1	<u>The pastor among the flock</u> <u>The flock's response to the pastor</u> CHAPTER 2	<u>Personal concern</u> <u>Comfort and relief</u> CHAPTER 3	<u>Sexual purity</u> <u>Prophetic urgency</u> CHAPTER 4	<u>Stay alert!</u> <u>Encourage one another!</u> <u>Live in peace!</u> CHAPTER 5
Perspective	Looking back			Looking ahead	
Subject	The church itself	The apostle himself	The report	The concern	The balance
Especially Appropriate For new converts	. . . young pastors	. . . suffering Christians	. . . tempted and uninformed Christians	. . . "sleepy" Christians
Main Theme	The hope of Christ's return comforts us and motivates us to godly living.				
Key Verses	1:8–10; 4:1, 13–18				