

**THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL FOLLOW UP
(1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)**

Colossians 1:28-29

- I. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION AND SALUTATION (1:1)**
- II. PAUL'S COMMENDATION CONCERNING THE THESSALONIANS (1:2-10)**
- III. PAUL'S GODLY MINISTRY TO THE THESSALONIANS (2:1-20)**
- IV. PAUL'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THE THESSALONIANS (3:1-13)**

There are two key things that Paul emphasizes in chp 3:

- 1) spiritual _____.
- 2) spiritual _____.

This is demonstrated through....

A. The Sending of Timothy To Them (3:1-5)

1. Paul's pastoral care & concern for these saints is reflected in his _____ by his abrupt _____ from them. (3:1a)... *"Therefore, when we could no longer endure it...."*

* Why is *"therefore"* therefore?

* What did Paul mean when he said *"when we could no longer endure it?"*

2. Paul sends _____ back to Thessalonica to _____ where they are at _____ speaking

*What does he tell us here about Timothy?

he is described as our _____,
a _____ of God, and
our _____ in the gospel of Christ.

* What was significant about these descriptions?

3. Paul's desire in sending Timothy was two-fold:

a. To _____ them, and...

b. To _____ them.

* What does this tell us about the believer's greatest need more than anything else?

* What did this need concern?

* How was Timothy to do this?

*The New Testament emphasizes three things:

a.

b.

c.

4. What was Paul's desire for them? ... *"that no one should be _____ by these _____."*

5. What does Paul mean when he says, *"for you yourselves _____ that we are to this"?*

a.

b.

6. Paul's reason for sending Timothy to them was regarding their spiritual _____. Paul knew that the enemy could _____ these believers and that his labor to them may have been in _____.

a. The enemy here is called the _____.

b. The tempter wants to _____ us to doubt the _____ of the Word of God