

THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL FOLLOW UP
(1 Thessalonians 3:1-10) pt 2

Colossians 1:28-29

IV. PAUL'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THE THESSALONIANS (3:1-13)

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...."*

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

- It meant their separation caused an unbearable _____ or emotional _____ that needed _____.
- This phrase is repeated again in verse 5, indicating Paul's main concern was for their _____ as we saw earlier in Col 1:28-29.

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

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?

* This need concern what?

Reason?

* How was Timothy to do this?

*The New Testament emphasizes three things that can establish & encourage you in life:

a.

b.

c.

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

- What caused them to be drawn away?

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

- a. He means he had taught them to expect _____ and _____ as part of the Christian way of life.
- b. They were to remember that the trials and afflictions that come upon us as believers are _____.

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