



Some Evidences of vulnerability:

Evidence 1. prolonged _____

1 Thessalonians 3:1 Therefore when we could endure *it* no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone;

² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith,

³ so that no man may be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this.

⁴ For indeed when we were with you, we *kept* telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know.

Evidence 2. _____

⁵ For this reason, when I could endure *it* no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor should be in vain.

Evidence 3. _____

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you,

Evidence 4. _____ **life and death**

⁷ for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith;

⁸ for now we *really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account,

Evidence 5. earnest _____

¹⁰ as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you;

¹² and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also *do* for you;

¹³ so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.



Our great aspiration _____

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you may excel still more.

² For you know what commandments we gave you by *the authority* of the Lord Jesus.

Aspiration 1 _____

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

⁵ not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

⁶ *and* that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is *the avenger* in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned *you*.

⁷ For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.

⁸ Consequently, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

Aspiration 2 _____

⁹ Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

¹⁰ for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more,

Aspiration 3 _____

¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you;

¹² so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.