

The Exam



1. Give thanks to God and pray for one another

1 Thessalonians 1:2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of *you* in our prayers;

2. Exemplify working faith, laboring love, and steadfast hope

³ constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,...

3. Exemplify joy in tribulation

⁶ You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia...

4. Be motivated by love for God

2:1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain,

² but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition.

³ For our exhortation does not *come* from error or impurity or by way of deceit;

⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men but God, who examines our hearts...

5. Be motivated by love for others

⁷ But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing *mother* tenderly cares for her own children.

⁸ Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us...

6. Love enough to be vulnerable

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

⁵ For this reason, when I could endure *it* no longer...

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

7. Excel in pleasing God

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.

8. Excel in sexual purity

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,...

9. Excel in love globally

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,

10. Excel in industriousness

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.

11. Regarding Jesus' coming be informed, comfort one another and stay alert

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus...

12. Appreciate leaders

5:12 But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,

¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

13. Live in peace

Live in peace with one another.

14. Patiently help each other

¹⁴ And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men.

15. Do good to everyone always, never revenge

¹⁵ See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men.

16. Worship always, no matter what

¹⁶ Rejoice always;

¹⁷ pray without ceasing;

¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

17. Listen to God but always make sure it's Him

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit;

²⁰ do not despise prophetic utterances.

²¹ But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good;

²² abstain from every form of evil.

18. Trust God to produce perfect growth and security

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

19. Pray for each other

²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.

20. Greet each other

²⁶ Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

21. Read Scripture together

²⁷ I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the brethren.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

How to help a friend who is
Wrongly Accused and Abused

2 Thessalonians 1:1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A _____ their faith and love

³ We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows *ever* greater;

B _____ of their perseverance and faith

⁴ therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

F _____ God's justice and relief

⁵ *This is* a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

⁶ For after all it is *only* just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

⁷ and *to give* relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

⁸ dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

⁹ And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

¹⁰ when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed-- for our testimony to you was believed.

P _____ for God's working and empowering

¹¹ To this end also we pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power;

¹² in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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