

BIBLE STUDY ON I THESSALONIANS

In the book of I Thessalonians we see Paul's thinking about how to young believers grow in Christ. Read through this book several times. What do you notice about spiritual parenting?

Chapter 1

1. What was Paul's attitude toward the Thessalonian believers? 1:2
2. How do you think Paul understood his role in helping the Thessalonians come to faith? 1:4-5
3. What was the result of the gospel in the lives of the Thessalonians? 1:6-10

What does this tell you about the impact of the gospel in people's lives?

Chapter 2

1. What was Paul's attitude and behavior as he came to the Thessalonians with the gospel? 2:1-6
2. How did Paul describe his ministry in teaching these new believers to live the Christian life? 2:7-8
3. What do you think it means to share our own selves with those we are helping?
[Read this verse in other versions – record what they say]

4. How else did Paul describe his relationship with them? 2:11

5. Why do you think that he described himself as both a father and a mother? What would he do for them as a father and mother?

6. What three things did he do to help their spiritual progress? 2:11

7. List at least eight character qualities that Paul's team possessed which enabled them to effectively follow-up the new Thessalonian Christians? 2:1-12

8. What was Paul's goal for his spiritual children? 2:12

Chapter 3

1. Why was Paul concerned about following up those he had reached? 3:5

2. What is Paul's attitude about the growth of the Thessalonian believers? 3:8-9

Summary

List the things that Paul prayed for the Thessalonians.

In Chapters 4 – 5 in what areas did Paul exhort the Thessalonians. How does direct teaching fit into helping people grow in Christ?

Thought and Application

Having considered how Paul nurtured these young believers in Thessalonica how would you evaluate your own relationships with those you are helping?

In what ways would you like to grow in helping young believers?