

SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 10

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Thessalonians 1

MARK IF READ *BONUS* PROVERBS 10 PSALM 46-50

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3

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As a leader, there is nothing that thrills the soul more than seeing those whom you have invested in and taught catching on and applying the principles of the Bible to their life. Its indescribable—the joy, the thrill, and the excitement of seeing your spiritual children grow in faith. To watch Jesus work through the lives of young, yielded Christians is the best! Nothing can compare to it. Thank you, thank you, thank you to those who listen and are teachable. You make all the effort a joy. You make the ministry awesome and enjoyable. All the heartaches and burdens of people-work are overshadowed by how good it feels to watch those you love get it!

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 4

MARK IF READ *BONUS* PROVERBS 4 PSALM 16-20

COLOSSIANS 4:6

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

There are those who struggle speaking the truth and saying what needs to be said. Because of fear or lack of confidence, one might hold back from stating plainly what someone needs to hear. On the other hand, there are those who have no trouble bluntly speaking the facts. For those who lead with their mouth, Paul gives the encouragement found in our text. Be sure what you say is seasoned with grace. Sometimes how we say what we say will make all the difference. Proverbs 15:1 tells how a "soft answer" can make our words more affective. We don't have to water down truth, but we must be wise as to how we present it.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

Do you know your leaders? Do you know what makes them tick, what drives them, what keeps them going??? Paul begged the members of the Thessalonian church to know an esteem their leaders. This would include your Pastor, your parents, teachers, faithful examples, etc... To "esteem" means to value or place in a high regard. Paul said to esteem them "very highly." Regard your leaders with great value in a loving way. Defend them. Stick up for them. Pray for them. Find out what pleases them, and do it. Often people like this are accused of being a "teacher's pet," but that is ridiculous. Let them say what they want. Obey the Bible, and you will be blessed.

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1 THESSALONIANS

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

Why would Paul have to even say this? Do we really not know that fornication is not the will of God? Sins of this type need to be addressed regularly. Although God wants to set us apart for purity and holiness, our flesh wants to indulge itself in whatever gives it pleasure. It has no loyalty to God or any other human being. It's only loyal to self. Its easily deceived into thinking that pleasure will satisfy, but always forgets that it is but for a moment and only results in regret and shame. Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:16, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." Do His will, not the desire of your flesh. Be pure mentally as well as physically.

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1 THESSALONIANS 1:5

For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

Many of us routinely go about our Christian service with no thought as to whether or not we are filled with the mighty power of God. When Paul came to Thessalonica, he didn't just give the Gospel in word. His life and preaching were immersed in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. That is what made all of the difference. Don't make your service ritualistic. Determine not to be a dry, dusty Christian. Get God's power on your life. Without it, our labor will be fruitless and vain. Pray hard! Live holy and right! Bathe your mind in the Word of God. Yield yourself to God's authority. Allow nothing to come between you and God.

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1 THESSALONIANS 2:4

But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

The Scripture above speaks of the great privilege we have of being bearers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Whether you are in the ministry as an occupation or serve faithfully in your local church, to be a servant of the Lord is a wondrous act of grace on God's part. Its an honor that He would allow us to carry His truth to a lost and dying world. Because it is such an honor, we must be reminded for Whom we do what we do and say what we say. We must be diligent to appropriately represent the Lord who has commissioned us. God knows our hearts. We must be true to Him with no regard for the opinions of man. Reset your heart and mind if you've taken you job lightly.

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