

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 21, 2024
1 Thessalonians 3:6-4:8

1. What was last week's text (2:17-3:5) about?
 - a. Paul's separation from the Thessalonian church.
 - b. Satan's work in blocking the way for Paul to return.
 - c. Paul's decision to send Timothy to encourage the Thessalonians and bring back a report.

2. What has just happened, according to 3:6? _____

3. What is the result of the news that Timothy has brought to Paul and his companions, according to 3:7-9? _____

4. Is it possible that your faith and growth could bring encouragement to others, even those who you consider leaders or mature believers? _____

5. Has this trip and news alleviated Paul's desire to see the Thessalonians, according to 3:10?
Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

6. What are Paul's prayers, according to 3:11-13?
 - a. That God would clear the way for them to be together.
 - b. That the Lord would make the love of the Thessalonians increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as his does for them.
 - c. That the Lord would strengthen the hearts of the Thessalonians so that they would be blameless and holy... 'til Jesus comes.

7. What instructions does Paul give for the Thessalonians in 4:1-2?
 - a. Live in order to please God...
 - b. Do this more and more...

8. What, according to 4:3-7, is God's will for our lives?
 - a. That we should be sanctified...
 - b. That we should avoid sexual immorality.
 - c. That we should learn to control our own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust...
 - d. That no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister in this way...

9. What does it mean to be sanctified?
 - a. Don't verses 1-2 sum it up?
 - b. Well, according to 4:3, this list of instructions would seem to be a part of sanctification.

10. What does 4:8 say about those who reject this instruction?
 - a. They aren't doing what the pastor and church think they should do.
 - b. They aren't doing what Paul thinks they should do.
 - c. They are rejecting God!

11. What about you? _____