

Questions for Message 9 ~ Living Out a Model of Our Faith

1. What does the term follower mean?
2. List three people that are godly examples in your life and what are the qualities that you watch the most in them?
3. Describe the works of the Thessalonian Believers.
4. How would you measure your faith based on this lesson? Be truthful.

Study Thoughts for Message 10—Being Good Stewards of Our Faith

1. Study Malachi 3:7-11
2. What are some of the motivations for giving?
3. What does the Lord require of us when it comes to giving?
4. What are some other passages of Scripture that deal with giving to the Lord?
5. What do we gain from giving to the Lord?
6. Have you prayed about what the Lord wants you to give to Him or are we just settling for what He requires?



FOR THE FAITH

PHILIPPIANS 1:27

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I Thessalonians 1:6-10

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I. They Had a _____ Faith (vs.6)

A. They were willing to _____

- The term *follower* means “an imitator. In other words, these believers came to imitate the life of Paul, and ultimately, the life of Jesus Christ.

1. They followed their leadership

I Corinthians 11:1—Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2. They followed their Lord

Ephesians 5:1—Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children

B. They were willing to _____

-A model of faith gives people a means of seeing faith. When people see someone who suffers, yet remains faithful in his love for and service to the Lord, they truly see faith in action.

-II Timothy 3:12; John 16:33; Matthew 5:10-12

II. They had a _____ Faith (vs. 7)

A. The _____ of their pattern

-The word *ensample* is a unique word and appears several times in the New Testament. It literally means: “a die, a shape, a model (for imitation or warning), a pattern. In other words we should live our lives in such a way that we are worthy of imitation.

- I Timothy 4:12

B. The _____ of their pattern

-The extent of their pattern reached those in Macedonia and Achaia. This area is approximately 250 miles wide and 350 miles north to south. A huge area when you think about the first century limitations in travel.

-II Corinthians 8:1-4

III. They had a _____ Faith (vs. 8)

A. They witnessed with the _____

-This is the job of every church body—to make a loud noise about the truth of God’s Word.

- Romans 10:17

B. They witnessed in every _____

- They did not limit their witness. They were never satisfied because they knew that more people in their region needed to know Jesus Christ.

- Acts 8:4

C. They witnessed through their _____

- The lives of those in Thessalonica, who were living for and representing the Lord Jesus Christ, spoke for themselves!

- James 2:18

IV. They had a _____ Faith (vs.9)

A. Their words were a result of their _____

-When genuine repentance occurs in someone’s life, the Bible teaches that the natural outflow will be godly works

-Acts 26:20

B. Their works were for the living and true _____

-For years they served powerless idols—giving offerings and reciting prayers and they received nothing. Now they serve a powerful God who has everything that they need!

- Habakkuk 2:18

V. They had a _____ Faith (vs.10)

A. They waited with _____

-James 5:7-11

B. They waited with _____

-Titus 2:13