

# sermon notes

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Kingdom Called | "Let's Be a 'Good News' Church!" | 1 Thess 3:6-13

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## Four pursuits for a "good news" church:

- 1) Let's be a " \_\_\_\_\_ " church  
(3:6)
  
- 2) Let's be a " \_\_\_\_\_ " church  
(3:7-8)
  
- 3) Let's be a " \_\_\_\_\_ " church  
(3:9-11)
  
- 4) Let's be a " \_\_\_\_\_ " church  
(3:12-13)

## Questions for further application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13. Who did Paul send to Thessalonica to bring back a report on the church? Why couldn't Paul go himself? Describe the report that was brought back. Was it positive or negative?

In verse 8, Paul says, "For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord." What does "standing fast in the Lord" look like? What's the opposite of standing fast? Why would Paul say, "Now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord"? Is Paul deriving his self-worth from the faithfulness (or lack thereof) of the church? Paul says that the church's flourishing brings him comfort (3:7), gratitude (3:9), joy (3:9), and even life (3:8)! Should a Christian leader be this emotionally invested in the faithfulness of Christians in the church?

### GET PERSONAL

From our reading of 1 Thessalonians, list some of the commendable things happening in the church in Thessalonica. If Paul sent Timothy to your church, what kind of report would he bring back? What would he commend your church for? Would he need to rebuke you for something or admonish you against something?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Would you consider your church a "love one another" church? Are you a "love one another" Christian? How is that lived out practically in the life of a church?

Where and when does your church "pray with fervency"? Would you consider your church a "pray with fervency" church? Are you a "pray with fervency" person? Describe a time in which you prayed fervently for something and you experienced an amazing answer to prayer. Describe a time in your life (previous or current) where you had to persevere in prayer.

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Read Paul's prayer in 3:11-13. What does Paul pray for? What are some things that we can learn from this example of the Apostle Paul's prayer? Did any of Paul's prayers go unanswered? Do our prayers ever go unanswered? Does God ever deny our requests in prayer, even when we pray with great fervency? Read the following article by Jon Bloom on unanswered prayers:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/unanswered-prayers-are-invitations-from-god>