

“Living a Life that Brings God Joy” 3/7/10

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

1 Thessalonians- “Living a Life of Focus in Expectation of Jesus’ Return”

What’s your attitude concerning your child’s performance? In sports? Etc?

POINT 1- God rejoices when we increase the FOUNDATION of our faith

- A. The foundation of any faith includes love of God and OTHERS
(v. 6; Matt 22:37-40; 1 Peter 4:8; Matt 5:43-48; 18:35)
- B. The foundation of any faith includes STEADFASTNESS
(v. 7-8; 1Cor 16:13-brave; Galatians 5:1- in liberty and not slavery)

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,” (Phi 1:27)

- C. The foundation of any faith includes GROWING
(knowledge, zeal, love, forgiveness, finishing, discipline, devotion, doubt, contentment, evangelism; relationships)

What needs to be fixed in your faith? Pick 1 or 2 and work on them this week!

“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves” (2Cor 13:5)

Going God wants you to humbly examine your love, steadfastness, and growth!
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POINT 2- God rejoices when we increase the FOCUS of our faith

- A. The focus of our faith should be to increase in HOLINESS
(v. 3:11-13a; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Heb 12:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:7)
- B. The focus of our faith should be to increase our READINESS
(v. 3:13b; 1 Thess 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:1-10; Rom 14:10)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10)

Going God wants you to be preparing yourself for His Son’s return!
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