

1st Thessalonians chapter 3

Here we see once more the strong urge Paul had to make sure the Thessalonian church was okay. When he said he “*could stand it no longer*” _ do any personal experiences come to your mind? (Vs. 1; 5)



How does he refer to Timothy? (Vs. 2)

What had he warned the church about? (Vs. 3-4)

What was Paul afraid might happen? (vs. 5)

What report did Timothy bring back? (vs. 6)

What effect did the news have on Paul? (Vs. 7-9)

Did this news relieve Paul's desire to visit them? (vs. 10-11) Why would this be?

What was Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica?

What theme re-occurs at the close of this chapter? (Vs. 13)
See 1st Thessalonians 1:10 and 2:19.

Points to Ponder

Is it unusual for someone to care so deeply about_ and pray so much for_ someone they have only known for a short time?

Which of Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount resonate with Paul's repeated warnings to the church?

If Paul was impressed with the faith of the church in Thessalonica, what might he have thought he could add to it by visiting them?

Who are the "holy ones" who would be coming with Jesus?

How can God strengthen our hearts?

