

Sunday, June 21, 2026
How We Should Aspire to Be Like the Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Scripture passage: Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 127:3-5

1. Growing in our _____.

“For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account, ¹⁰ as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith?”

1 Thessalonians 3:9-10

2. Growing in our _____.

“Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; ¹² and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you;”

1 Thessalonians 3:11-12

3. Persevering in _____.

“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one ²⁴mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; ²⁸ in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. ²⁹ For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, ³⁰ experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.”

Philippians 1:27-30

4. Responding to _____ as proof of God’s sustaining grace.

“Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?”

Genesis 18:25

Doing the Word:

- **Pray that the Lord will grow our faith and love.**
- **Do not be surprised when we suffer for Christ.**
- **Be encouraged, Jesus suffered for our salvation, and is with us in our suffering to sustain us.**
- **Joyfully endure as we look with hope to our future.**

*‘Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,
At the sound of His roar, sorrows will be no more,
When He bares His teeth, winter meets its death,
And when He shakes His mane, we shall have spring again.’*

- C.S. Lewis