

**The Give and Take in the Christian Walk!  
Unstoppable, Pt. 5**

1 Thessalonians 3

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**1 Thessalonians 1:1**, Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. **2** We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. **3** We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 1:6**, You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. **7** And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

**What Does the Give and Take of the  
Christian Life Look Like?**

**1. Paul Sent Timothy to Strengthen and Encourage THEM**

**1 Thessalonians 3:1**, So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. **2** We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, **3** so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them.

**2. Paul Reminded Them They Would Be PERSECUTED**

**1 Thessalonians 3:4**, In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. **5** For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.

**3. Their Faithfulness Brought Paul ENCOURAGEMENT**

**1 Thessalonians 3:6**, But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. **7** Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith.

**4. Their Faithfulness Brought Paul JOY**

**1 Thessalonians 3:8**, For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. **9** How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? **10** Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

**5. Paul Reminds Them of Their Ultimate GOAL**

**1 Thessalonians 3:11**, Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. **12** May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.