

Encouragement, Everyone Needs It

1 Thess. 4.18

Introduction: **Acts 17** we read of Paul preaching the Gospel at Thessalonica. **Verse 4** there is growth (fertile hearts receptive to the Gospel). **Verses 5-9** persecution arises. In **1 Thessalonians 1.3** Paul commend the church for _____.

I) Issues At Thessalonica

- A) They had members who were _____, **2 Thessalonians 3.10-11**
- B) _____ struggles, **1 Thessalonians 4.5.12-13**
- C) _____, **1 Thessalonians 5.15**
- D) _____, **2 Thessalonians 2.9-12.**
- E) Doubts of _____, **1 Thess. 4.13-17.**

II) The Real Need for Encouragement

- A) Perhaps you get tired of having to confront _____.
- B) People not getting along, _____ in the body.
- C) Maybe declining _____
- D) _____, **3 John 9ff**
- E) _____. **Romans 16.17**
- F) Divisions are easy to come by

- 1. Easier to destroy then it is the grow or build it. **Proverbs 14.1.**
- 2. It is easier to destroy another Christian then it is to build them up.
- 3. It is easier to be a church splitter, a home wrecker or a nay-sayer than it is to be a peacemaker, healer, or optimist.

III) Encouragement

- A) Words that are intended to encourage us-- _____

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- B) Encouraging others is important, **Ephesians 4.29**

IV) Why?

- A) Because of _____
- B) Because of _____, **James 1**
- C) Because of _____.

V) How?

- A) Look for opportunities to _____

- 1, It is amazing what one good word will do. on my line. It was a trout. I went from "I am tired" to "I am not ready to leave."
- 2. Nobody else may praise the godly person but you can.

- B) Remind brethren of _____, **Romans 8.28, 31.**

- 1. The Lord is not _____ concerning His promises, **2 Peter 3.9**

- C) Remind brethren to _____, **1 Cor. 15.58**

- D) Never take the _____ of your brethren for granted

Conclusion: There are some who need encouragement every time we come together. Barnabas is noted for being encouraging to others "son of encouragement".