

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	1 Thessalonians 1:8-10
Monday	1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Psalm 119:65-72; Proverbs 25:26-28
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:1-27; Psalm 119:73-80; Proverbs 26:1-3
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1; Psalm 119:81-88; Proverbs 26:4-6
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:2-34; Psalm 119:89-96; Proverbs 26:7-9
Friday	1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Psalm 119:97-104; Proverbs 26:10-12
Saturday	1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 26:13-15

DEVOTIONAL: READ 1 THESSALONIANS 1:8-10

As Paul moved throughout the Roman empire, he continued to hear how the gospel's life-changing power spread from the church in Thessalonica. The entire Roman world had heard about how the Thessalonians abandoned the worship of false gods and turned to serve Jesus. Paul makes it clear that he didn't have to share about this radical life-change within the Thessalonians because it was well known by those he encountered on his missionary journeys.

Paul affirmed their faith and devotion to the one, true God. He didn't praise them for their own accomplishments or talents. Instead, Paul acknowledged

that it was their faith that people everywhere were speaking so highly of. He made note of their service. He commended them for turning from idols to the Living God.

How amazing it would be if this is the way that we were discussed! As we live radically changed lives, may our neighbors, coworkers, and friends take notice. May we be a church that grabs the attention of those around us because we ring out with the sound of the gospel's life-changing power. May it be our faith and devotion to the Lord that people can't miss and can't help but talk about.

REFLECTION

How would people describe your life? What would they say is most important to you? What would they say is your life's goal?

How would your life look different if the gospel was always your primary motivation? How would your life look different at home, school, work, and in the community?

How are you involved in the global spread of the gospel? Take time to pray for those sharing the gospel around the world.

DISCUSSION

Who has been a role model in your life?

PRAYER

Lord of Love, Giver of Grace, teach me to deeply delight in every aspect of Your gospel. Lead me to freedom from my sinful nature. May my words be loving when I'm tempted to be passive, and may my testimony be honest when I am tempted to hide. Father, I want to be known for loving You. Let faith and love be defining characteristics of my life and the life of my church. Make the gospel and Your glory my life's primary motivation.

Continue to use Your church to reach the furthest parts of the world that don't know You. Bless the global workers who have devoted their lives to You. Give them peace, joy, safety, and hope, and ultimately, bless their work. Bring people around them who are hungry to know You and establish Your church in the farthest regions of the earth.

Father, I am Your vessel. I am Your servant. I am Your handiwork. I am Your child. Unveil my eyes to see my destructive idols. You alone, I will serve! Grant me a deep and true love for those you have placed in my life. May that love guide me toward an urgency in prayers of intercession for their souls. May my obedience always reflect the gratitude I feel in being relentlessly pursued by You. Amen.