

## 1 Thessalonians

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Our focus has to be on the \_\_\_\_\_, not our \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Thessalonians 1:10, 2:19, 3:13, 4:17

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Our obedience is a result of what **CHRIST DID**, not what **WE GET**.

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Obedience is only measured by **OBEDIENCE**, never the **OUTCOME**.

Our focus has to be on the **KING**, not our **KINGDOM**.

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For now, we live to win the **RESPECT** of **OTHERS** in order  
to win **OTHERS**.

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## **Food for Thought for the week of June 27, 2021**

(Readings and questions for the further study of the Book of 1 Thessalonians)

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The Food for Thought this week is designed to be used along with the Daily Dose. Visit [northcoastchurch.com/dose](http://northcoastchurch.com/dose) for details to subscribe to this free video devotional.

**Monday** – Read Chapter 1: The Book of 1 Thessalonians was written to give hope and encouragement in the midst of dark days. Chris highlighted the three components of the Thessalonians' faith in v. 3 that were evident to others despite all the challenges they faced. In what ways are faith, hope and love being reflected in your life?

**Tuesday** – Read Chapter 2: Paul uses the roles of mother and father in vs. 7-12 to tell the Thessalonians how hard he works to show his love for them. Our love for others is a response to God's love for us (1 John 4:19), not based on how lovable they are. Who are the people in your life God wants you to love not because they are lovable but because He's called you to love them?

**Wednesday** – Read Chapter 3: At the end of this chapter, Paul calls us to think outside our current circumstances and instead think about when we will meet Jesus face-to-face. How much time have you spent thinking about the end of your life? In what ways can thinking about that affect how you live your life now?

**Thursday** – Read Chapter 4: Paul tells the Thessalonians "to live a holy life" in v. 7. Holiness is not about being extra religious, but about being set apart for something greater. What do you find most challenging about living a holy life? What do you think the "something greater" is that God is calling you to?

**Friday** – Read Chapter 5: In his final instructions for the Thessalonian church in vs. 12-28, Paul gives them a recipe for living a life that shows others God's love, grace and mercy. Paul sums up God's will for every believer in vs. 16-18 – "rejoice always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances." What could help you remember to incorporate these verses into your daily life?

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