

Saturday, November 1

Introduction to 1 Thessalonians

Author: The Apostle Paul (1:1, 2:18)

Date Written: Most likely written around 51 AD.

Theme of the Book: Growth of a New Church

Outline of the Book:

- I. Personal Experience (1-3)
- II. Practical Exhortation (4-5)

Key Chapter:

4 Purity; disciplined living; the rapture

Key Passages:

4:3-4 God's will – sanctification

4:13-18 "The dead in Christ" will be raised at the rapture, which is imminent (at any time, vs. 15-17 "we who are alive and remain"), to be taken with the living saints to be with the Lord

5:1-3 "The Day of the Lord" will come as a surprise to the world with destruction after the believers in 4:13-18 have been taken from the earth

Summary Statement: "Paul wrote to let them (Thessalonians) know how thankful he was. He wrote to let them know of his tender concern for them. He wrote to encourage them in the face of the opposition, even persecution, that still confronted them. He wrote to give them fuller information about matters in which their zeal had outdistanced their knowledge. He wrote to put them further along the Christian way that meant so much to him and to them." -Leon Morris, New International Commentary on the NT

If you are able, read the introduction section for 1 Thessalonians in a good study Bible (MacArthur, ESV).

Make sure to look over the basic outline of the book so you can better understand the flow of where the author is going!

Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, November 2

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church.
Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

1 Thessalonians 1 & 2

- How were the Thessalonians examples to the rest of the believers in Macedonia?

- Paul says his glory and joy are the believers he ministered to and fellowshiped with. Why does he say this?

- ***Verse of the Week: Psalm 95:6-7***

Verse - "Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
- Remember the Category → Worship
- Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

1 Thessalonians 3

- Why was Paul worried about the Thessalonians?

- List some ways you plan to “abound in love for one another”.

- ***Verse of the Week: Psalm 95:6-7***

verse - “Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice.”

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- Write out the verse
- Recite the Category

Wednesday, November 5

1 Thessalonians 4

- What are some warnings about sin you see in this chapter? How are you actively combating temptation in your walk with Christ?
- How is Christ's future return something to comfort others with now?

- ***Verse of the Week: Psalm 95:6-7***

verse - "Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month

Jenna & Crisandro Reyes

Jenna & Crisando serve with Levanta Ministries in the Dominican Republic, where their goal is to empower families who live in poverty through the love of Christ. Lavant Ministries is currently building a permanent home for its ministry in the Dominican Republic.

- Please pray that the Gospel will transform lives in The Dominican Republic through their ministry.

1 Thessalonians 5

- After reading the entire chapter, go back and re-read **vs. 2-6** and then study those verses using the “**T.A.N.**” method.
 - **THEN:**
 - *What did the passage mean to the original author & audience?*
 - **Tip** --> how does the passage fit into the overall theme of the book and the context of the chapter?
 - **ALWAYS:**
 - *What is/are the timeless truth(s) being communicated?*
 - **Tip** --> use the “**THEN**” and then relate it to how Christians should apply the “**THEN**” today
 - **NOW:**
 - *How do I personally need to respond to the timeless truth?*
 - *Is there something I need to be doing better or differently in order to apply the timeless truth?*
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- **Verse of the Week: Psalm 95:6-7**

verse - “Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice.”
 - **Task(s) for Today:**
 - From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative
 - Include the Category

Friday, November 7

Introduction to 2 Thessalonians

Author: The Apostle Paul

Date Written: Most likely written around 52 AD.

Theme of the Book: Comfort and Correction

Outline of the Book:

- Encouragement in Persecution (1)
- Explanation of the Day of the Lord (2)
- Exhortations to Readiness (3)

Key Verses:

2 Thess. 1:7 – Christ will return

2 Thess. 2:3–12 – Antichrist will deceive many people

2 Thess. 3 – Be diligent in light of the coming Day of the Lord

Summary Statement: “The theme of the second coming of Jesus dominates 2 Thessalonians. Jesus’ coming will be preceded by a rebellion and by the revelation of Antichrist. When Jesus comes, he will defeat this rebellious world ruler and bring justice to oppressed Christians, and wrath to their persecutors and to unbelievers in general.” – *The ESV Study Bible, Crossway, 2001.*

If you are able, read the introduction section for **2 Thessalonians** in a good study Bible (MacArthur, ESV).

Make sure to look over the basic outline of the book so you can better understand the flow of where the author is going!

Verse of the Week: Psalm 95:6-7

“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice.”

Task(s) for Today: From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share with them!

Saturday, November 8

2 Thessalonians 1

- After reading the entire chapter, go back and re-read **verses 5-6** and then study those verses using the **"T.A.N."** method.

- **THEN:**
 - o *What did the passage mean to the original author & audience?*
 - **Tip** --> *how does the passage fit into the overall theme of the book and the context of the chapter?*

- **ALWAYS:**
 - o *What is/are the timeless truth(s) being communicated?*
 - **Tip** --> *use the "THEN" and then relate it to how Christians should apply the "THEN" today*

- **NOW:**
 - o *How do I personally need to respond to the timeless truth?*
 - o *Is there something I need to be doing better or differently in order to apply the timeless truth?*

Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, November 9

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church.
Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

Monday, November 10

2 Thessalonians 2

- The man of lawlessness sounds quite foreboding and worrisome. Why shouldn't we be concerned about him?

- What are the "traditions" the Thessalonians were taught?

- ***Verse of the Week: 2 Timothy 3:16-17***

Verse - "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
- Remember the Category → Bible Study
- Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

2 Thessalonians 3

- What does it mean to live an “unruly life”? Are any areas of your life characterized by this? What are you doing about it?

- Who are some people you know (or know of) who model a disciplined life? In what ways should you follow their example?

- ***Verse of the Week: 2 Timothy 3:16-17***
Verse - “All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”
- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - Write out the verse
 - Recite the Category

Wednesday, November 12

Introduction to 1 Timothy

Author: The Apostle Paul

Date Written: Most likely written around 59 AD.

Theme of the Book: A Manual for Church Life

Outline of the Book:

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| I. For Timothy | (1-3) |
| II. For Timothy to the Church | (4-6) |

Key Chapters:

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| 2 | Duty of men & role of women in public worship |
| 3 | Qualifications of elders & deacons; purpose of the letter |
| 4 | Dangers and defense of dangers; personal exhortation to Timothy |
| 5 | Duties toward the young, widows, and elders |

Key People:

Alexander and ~~Hymanaeus~~ false teachers in Ephesus, where Timothy served as pastor

Summary Statement: "The theme of the second coming of Jesus dominates 2 Thessalonians. Jesus' coming will be preceded by a rebellion and by the revelation of Antichrist. When Jesus comes, he will defeat this rebellious world ruler and bring justice to oppressed Christians, and wrath to their persecutors and to unbelievers in general." – *The ESV Study Bible, Crossway, 2001.*

If you are able, read the introduction section for 2 Thessalonians in a good study Bible (MacArthur, ESV).

Make sure to look over the basic outline of the book so you can better understand the flow of where the author is going!

- ***Verse of the Week: 2 Timothy 3:16-17***
Verse - "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."
- ***Task(s) for Today:*** Memorize the verse

1 Timothy 1

- Where do you need to retrain your conscience towards what is right? What are you doing about it?

- How are verses 12-17 an encouragement to you today?

- ***Verse of the Week: 2 Timothy 3:16-17***

Verse - "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative
- Include the Category

Friday, November 14

1 Timothy 2

- Why should we pray for people in authority over us, even those in the government?

- What does it mean that Christ gave Himself as a ransom?

- ***Verse of the Week: 2 Timothy 3:16-17***

Verse - "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share with them!

Saturday, November 15

1 Timothy 3

- What does it mean to be above reproach? Why is this so important for an overseer?
- Why does Paul call the church the “pillar and support of the truth”?

Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, November 16

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church. Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

1 Timothy 4

- Where do you need to better discipline yourself for godliness? What are you doing about it?

- Why should our hope be fixed on God as opposed to someone (or something) else?

- ***Verse of the Week: Philippians 4:6-7***

Verse - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
- Remember the Category → Prayer
- Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

1 Timothy 5

- Why does rejecting the command to provide for one's household signify that someone is an unbeliever?

- Why shouldn't elders be ordained too quickly, even if they seem to meet the qualifications?

- ***Verse of the Week: Philippians 4:6-7***

Verse - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- Write out the verse
- Recite the Category

Wednesday, November 19

1 Timothy 6

- In what ways are you easily tempted to be discontent? What are you doing to avoid it?

- How are verses 14-16 an encouragement to you today?

- ***Verse of the Week: Philippians 4:6-7***

Verse - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month

Jenna & Crisando Reyes

- Pray for the construction and funding for the new Lavanta community ministry center.
- Pray that Crisando & Jenna will continue to be encouraged and strengthened as they minister to the local people and raise their daughter.

Thursday, November 20

Introduction to 2 Timothy

Author: Paul

Recipient: Timothy

Date Written: ~65-67 AD.

Theme of the Book: Ministry as Spiritual Combat

Outline of the Book:

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| I. Instructions for Spiritual Combat | (1-3) |
| II. Commission to Spiritual Combat | (4) |

Key Chapters:

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| 2 | Keys for a successful minister |
| 3 | The peril of and protection from apostasy |

Key Passages:

- 2:1-21 – The character of a soldier of the cross/athlete/farmer/vessel
3:16-17 – All Scripture is inspired by God...
4:1-6 – Final exhortation – preach the Word!

Key People:

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| Eunice | Timothy's mother |
| Lois | Timothy's grandmother |
| Onesiphorus | Christian who took care of Paul during his confinement in Ephesus |

Summary Statement: The letter of 2nd Timothy is Paul writing his final words to his dear son in the faith, Timothy. Paul reflects on the fact that he will most likely die soon having “finished [his] course” (2 Tim 4:7). However, Paul exhorts and encourages Timothy to carry on the ministry of the Gospel with boldness and confidence, no matter what obstacles he might have to endure.

- ***Verse of the Week: Philippians 4:6-7***
Verse - “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

2 Timothy 1

- Where are you tempted to be timid in your walk with God? What are you going to do about it?

- What is the “treasure” that Paul tells Timothy to guard?

- ***Verse of the Week: Philippians 4:6-7***

Verse - “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

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Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, November 23

Review Day

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Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

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2 Timothy 3

- After reading the entire chapter, go back and re-read verses 16-17 and then study those verses using the **"T.A.N."** method.

- **THEN:**
 - o *What did the passage mean to the original author & audience?*
 - **Tip** --> *how does the passage fit into the overall theme of the book and the context of the chapter?*

- **ALWAYS:**
 - o *What is/are the timeless truth(s) being communicated?*
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- **NOW:**
 - o *How do I personally need to respond to the timeless truth?*
 - o *Is there something I need to be doing better or differently in order to apply the timeless truth?*

- ***Verse of the Week: 1 Peter 4:10***

Verse - "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
 - o Remember the Category → Service
 - o Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

2 Timothy 4

- What does Paul mean when he says people will want to “have their ears tickled”?

- Who is Paul likely referring to when he mentions Mark?

- ***Verse of the Week: 1 Peter 4:10***

Verse - “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- Write out the verse
- Recite the Category

Wednesday, November 26

Introduction to Titus

Author: Paul

Recipient: Titus

Date Written: ~62-64 AD.

Theme of the Book: Adorning the Doctrine of God

Outline of the Book:

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| I. As Leaders | (1) |
| II. In the Church | (2) |
| III. In the World | (3) |

Key Passages:

1:5-9 – Elder qualifications

2:3-5 – Older women likewise are to be reverent...train younger women

2:11-13 – "...to live sensibly, righteously..."

3:5 – Salvation apart from works; regeneration and the Holy Spirit

Summary Statement: The letter of Titus is from the Apostle Paul to his "true child in a common faith," Titus. Paul writes to remind Titus to stand firm in the truth, speaking and acting only in ways that are "fitting for sound doctrine." (Titus 2:1, 10b) Paul addresses a variety of issues related to church life, reminding Titus and the believers in Crete that right doctrine must always lead to right conduct (Titus 3:8).

If you are able, read the introduction section for Titus in a good study Bible (MacArthur, ESV).

Make sure to look over the basic outline of the book so you can better understand the flow of where the author is going!

- ***Verse of the Week: 1 Peter 4:10***

Verse - "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Memorize the verse

Titus 1

- Why is it important for overseers to not be quick-tempered?
- What does it look like to profess to know God but deny him in deed?

- ***Verse of the Week: 1 Peter 4:10***

Verse - "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative
- Include the Category

Titus 2

- Older and younger men and women are given instructions in this chapter. What instructions are challenging for you to follow? Stop and pray.

- How are verses 11-14 an encouragement to you today?

- ***Verse of the Week: 1 Peter 4:10***

Verse - "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share with them!

Saturday, November 29

Titus 3

- The basis of being able to live a godly life (vs 1-2) is in verse 5: Trusting in what Christ has done to save us, and not on the basis of our own deeds. If you're a believer, thank Him for the Holy Spirit's work within you. If you're still living as a "fool" according to verse 3, today is the day to repent and believe.

- Normally church discipline is more steps than what is described in verses 10-11. Why is it only two warnings for factious men instead of the Matthew 18 process?

Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, November 30

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

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Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church.
Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

December Reading Schedule

1. Introduction to Isaiah
2. Isaiah 1
3. Isaiah 2
4. Isaiah 3-4
5. Isaiah 5
6. Isaiah 6
7. Catch up on missing reading
8. Isaiah 7
9. Isaiah 8
10. Isaiah 9
11. Isaiah 10
12. Isaiah 11-12
13. Isaiah 13:1-14:27
14. Catch up on missing reading
15. Isaiah 14:28-16:14
16. Isaiah 17:1-20:6
17. Isaiah 21:-23:18
18. Isaiah 24
19. Isaiah 25
20. Isaiah 26-27
21. Catch up on missing reading
22. Isaiah 28
23. Isaiah 29:1-14
24. Isaiah 30-31:9
25. Catch up on missing reading
26. Isaiah 32
27. Isaiah 33
28. Catch up on missing reading
29. Isaiah 34-35
30. Isaiah 36-39
31. Catch up on missing reading

Church Prayer Page

HEALTH

The following people have health issues. Pray that through their trial they will bring glory to the Lord and be a blessing as they submit themselves to understand His will. Pray for the Lord’s healing power and their continued sanctification in the circumstance.

Cynde Barrett	Maureen Personius	
Sue Boydston	Will Hutchinson	Tom Prohaska
Don Boyer	Mike Johnston	Judy Reed
Paul Butcher	Diana McCann	Denise Tyler
Karen Cote	Ted Lyon	Pat Routen
Crystal Dix	Linda Miars	Mark Shackelford
Dinah Fernandez	Ken McEntire	Darryl Shelton
Elaine Flory	Mitchell Miller	Michael Treat
Amy Gomez	Jean Pendrich	
	Annie Perdido	

MILITARY

Roxy Alexander – Coast Guard	Luke Lanham – Navy
Brooks Alexander – Air Force	Leighton Moncada – Army
McKenna Baker – Air Force	Cash Moser – Navy
Nico Bourgeois – Army	Jon Morse – Air Force
Cameron Caudle – Army	Amara Mwesigwa – Air Force
Chris Cordes (H. Marquez’s brother) – Army	David Peason – Army
Luke Day – Navy	Christopher Ryan – Marine Corps
Jordan Garcia – Army	Stephanie Ryan – Navy
Dirk Hayhurst – Army	Wendy Schrank – Army
Lizzy Klyman – Coast Guard	David Weathers – Air Force
William Knight – Army	Simon Whiting – Air Force
Don Koomar – Marine Corps	
Michael Koomar – Army	