



## I THESSALONIANS Part Fifteen: "Paul's Basic Message"

### I Thessalonians 2:10-12

*Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.*

Paul's basic message to the people of Thessalonica was:

**"Walk Worthy of God."**

Why should I feel motivated to walk a godly walk day by day?

1. Because God has called me! *who hath called you*
2. Because God has given me a place in His Kingdom!  
*called you unto his kingdom*
3. Because God has allowed me to be a participant in His glory!  
*called you unto his kingdom*

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## Preparation for Prayer

*I bring you a message from God contained in seven short words. You will find these seven words in James 4:2, the seven closing words of the verse, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." These seven words contain the secret of the poverty and powerlessness of the average Christian, of the average minister, and of the average church. "Why is it," many a Christian is asking, "that I make such poor progress in my Christian life? Why do I have so little victory over sin? Why do I win so few souls to Christ? Why do I grow so slowly into the likeness of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?" And God answers in the words of the text: "Neglect of prayer. You have not, because you ask not." "Why is it," many a minister is asking, "that I see so little fruit from my ministry? Why are there so few conversions? Why does my church grow so slowly? Why are the members of my church so little helped by my ministry, and built up so little in Christian knowledge and life?" And again God replies: "Neglect of prayer. You have not, because you ask not." "Why is it," both ministers and churches are asking, "that the church of Jesus Christ is making such slow progress in the world today? Why does it make so little headway against sin, against unbelief, against error in all its forms? Why does it have so little victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil? Why is the average church member living on such a low plane of Christian living? Why does the Lord Jesus Christ get so little honor from the state of the church today?" And, again, God replies: "Neglect of prayer. You have not, because you ask not."*

-RA Torrey, "The Power of Prayer"