



I THESSALONIANS

Part Twenty Three: “What Every Believer Should Do For Every Other Believer”

I Thessalonians 3:1-2

Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

Paul Sent Timothy from Athens to Thessalonica

1. The need for Timothy’s mission:
 - a. Paul couldn’t wait any longer to know how they were doing.
 - b. Paul had to finish what he had begun in Athens.
2. Timothy’s qualifications for the mission:
 - a. “Brother” – he had the same Christian spirit as Paul
 - b. “Minister of God” – he was called of God
 - c. “Fellowlabourer” – he was a faithful worker
3. The purpose of Timothy’s mission:
 - a. Establish the people in their faith
 - b. Encourage the people in their faith

**Every believer ought to strive to do two things
for every other believer:**

- 1) Strengthen them in their faith.
- 2) Encourage them in their faith.

Preparation for Prayer

James 5:16 *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*