



I THESSALONIANS

Part Five

I Thessalonians 1:6-7

And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

C. Transition of Influence. 6-7.

1. They received God's Word. 1:6b.
 - a. They paid a great price. *In much affliction.*
 - b. They enjoyed great blessings. *With joy of the Holy Ghost.*
2. They submitted to God's Leadership. 1:6a.
 - a. They followed God's men. *Ye became followers of us.*
 - b. They followed God Himself. *And of the Lord.*
3. They embodied God's Ways. 1:7.
 - a. Their influence was iconic. *Ye were ensamples.*
 - b. Their influence was inspiring. *To all that believe.*
 - c. Their influence was infectious. *In Macedonia and Achaia.*

GREAT TRUTHS

1. God's Word is often given and received in an atmosphere of both joy and sorrow.
2. It is our responsibility to lead those who follow us to follow God.
3. Everyone who is influenced for Christ ought to be an influence for Christ.