



I THESSALONIANS

Part Three

I Thessalonians 1:2-4

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

A. Thanksgiving by Paul. 2-4.

1. Paul Thanked God, Praying. 2.

- a. Paul prayed with his co-laborers. *We*.
- b. Paul prayed faithfully. *Always*.
- c. Paul had a prayer life. *Our prayers*.

2. Paul Thanked God, Remembering. 3.

- a. Their work of faith – your purpose: why you serve.
- b. Their labour of love – your passion: how you serve.
- c. Their patience of hope – your perseverance: how long your serve.

3. Paul Thanked God, Knowing. 4.

- a. He knew they were fellow believers.
- b. He knew they had truly been saved.
- c. He knew his efforts had been successful.

GREAT TRUTHS

1. *Just as much as people need you to pray for them, they need you to be a person of prayer.*
2. *I want praying people to remember me before the throne of God.*
3. *We ought to hunger for the growth of the people we lead to Christ.*