I THESSALONIANS

Part Six

I Thessalonians 1:8

For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

D. Testimony of the Church. 1:8.

1. The intended effect of their efforts. 1:8a.
   a. They trumpeted with a bold voice. From you sounded out.
   b. They tailored a precise message. The Word of the Lord.
   c. They targeted a specific region. In Macedonia and Achaia.

2. The unexpected impact of their influence. 1:8b.
   a. Souls won through the witness of their converts.
   b. Believers motivated by hearing of their efforts.
   c. Churches strengthened by the effects of their faith.

3. The rewarding ministry to their mentors. 1:8c.
   a. Confirmation of God’s power.
   b. Conservation of ministry resources.
   c. Carrying of spiritual burdens.

GREAT TRUTHS

1. God wants us to set goals and have a gameplan to accomplish His work.
2. God will use our obedience far beyond our expectations.
3. Our service in the ministry is a blessing to other believers in ways we do not realize.