



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.