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October 9 – Colossians 1

Re-read Colossians 1:9-11

Paul is writing a letter to the church in Colossae. He wanted to encourage them as they obeyed how God wanted them to live.

How can you obey God's word today in a way that would be pleasing to Christ? At home? At school? At church?

October 10 – Colossians 2

Re-read Colossians 2:2-3

Paul wants the church to "be encouraged" and wants their hearts to be "knit together." How close are you to your friends at church?

Who are the friends you can trust?

How can you become closer friends with them?

October 11 – Colossians 3

Re-read Colossians 3:12-15

Paul describes how a true Christian behaves differently than others who have not repented of their disobedience (sin) toward God and put their trust in the life, death and work of Jesus Christ.

Which of these characteristics of a Christian do you desire most?

October 12 – Colossians 4

Re-read Colossians 4:6

The church is commanded to speak in a godly way. Paul wanted their speech to be “gracious” and “seasoned with salt.” This means our speech should be for encouraging and building up.

Are you known as someone who is encouraging?

Will you be resolved to be more encouraging?

What does that look like for you?

October 13 – 1 Thessalonians 1

Re-read 1 Thessalonians 1:6

Paul is pleased with the church in Thessaloniki because they wanted to copy (imitate) other Christians’ good works. Who do you imitate? Are they godly people?

Who are some godly people you can imitate?

October 14 – 1 Thessalonians 2

Re-read 1 Thessalonians 2:12

God makes it clear in his word that he wants people to work together to be godly. Are your friends a good influence?

Do they push you to love God more?

What are some things you could do this week that encourage your friends to be more like God?

October 15 – 1 Thessalonians 3

Re-read 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Paul is happy to hear that this church is known for loving each other, yet he wants them to grow to love even more!

Are you a person whose “love abounds” to others?

Who should you be more loving toward?

October 16 – 1 Thessalonians 4

Re-read 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8

Paul makes it clear that God wants people to live in a holy way. The Bible is good at showing us that we are far from perfect. In what areas do you struggle to obey God’s clear direction?

Our sin shows us that we need a Savior. What do you need to turn away from that is leading you away from God?

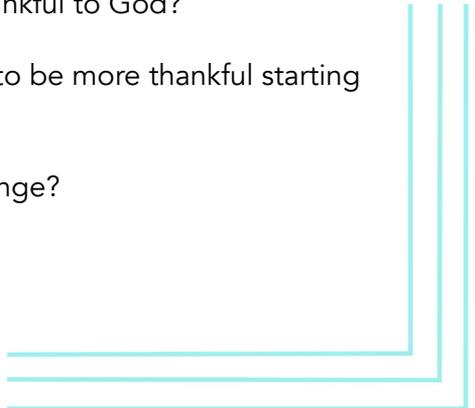
October 17 – 1 Thessalonians 5

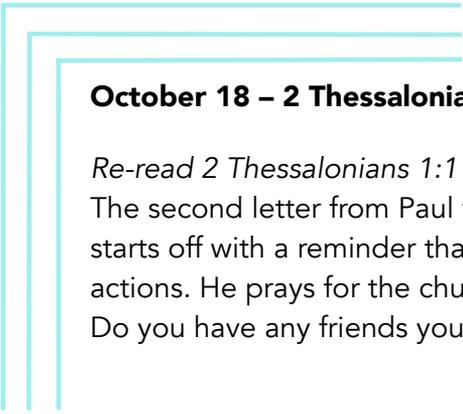
Re-read 1 Thessalonians 5:18

The command here is to be thankful “in all circumstances.” That means all the time. Anything less than this is not good enough. How do you need to be more thankful to God?

How can you specifically choose to be more thankful starting today?

Are you willing to take this challenge?





October 18 – 2 Thessalonians 1

Re-read 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

The second letter from Paul to the Church in Thessaloniki starts off with a reminder that God cares about people's actions. He prays for the church to care for each other as well. Do you have any friends you could pray for this week?

Identify those people and pray for them today!

October 19 – 2 Thessalonians 2

Re-read 2 Thessalonians 2:2-3

The word of God is clear, the world is going to get very bad before the end. It is also clear that Satan doesn't want us to think about God.

What are some situations that you will face today where you are challenged to do the right thing?

How will you choose the right thing?

October 20 – 2 Thessalonians 3

Re-read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-7

Paul warns the people about becoming “idle” or lazy.

Do you struggle with becoming lazy at school or at home?

Why should you change this?

And how do you plan making those changes?

October 21 – 1 Timothy 1

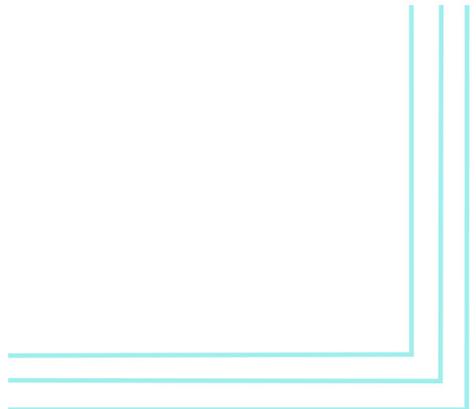
Re-read 1 Timothy 1:8

Paul is writing a letter to Timothy, a young pastor in Ephesus. He tells Timothy that the word of God is good! It can be useful for our lives.

Are you in it every day?

Are you using it well?

How can you value the Bible more?



October 22 – 1 Timothy 2

Re-read 1 Timothy 2:8

The Bible is clear: people need to be praying.

How often do you pray?

What do you pray about?

Who are you praying for?

How can you make it a priority to pray more often?

October 23 – 1 Timothy 3

Re-read 1 Timothy 3:15

The church is said to be a “pillar and buttress of truth” (it is the place where truth about God is preached). The church should be talking about truth! When you are at church, you hear many things about God.

What is something about God you heard at church recently that you had never thought about?

How does this change your view of God?