

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT—13

“The Power of Persistence”

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Introduction: _____

- I. **FIRST, NOTE HIS CHALLENGE TO THEM TO KEEP ON GATHERING AT THE CHURCH (2 Thessalonians 1:1a).**

Look at the word “*church*” in this verse:

- A. First, notice the definition of the word.
- B. Secondly, notice the location of this word.

- II. **SECONDLY, CONSIDER HIS CHALLENGE TO THEM TO KEEP ON GROWING IN THEIR FAITH (2 Thessalonians 1:3b).**

- III. **THIRDLY, NOTICE HIS CHALLENGE TO THEM TO KEEP ON _____ THEIR LOVE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER (2 Thessalonians 1:3c).**

- IV. **FOURTHLY, NOTE HIS CHALLENGE TO THEM TO KEEP ON _____ IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS (2 Thessalonians 1:4-5).**

- A. First, note the _____ to glowing in the midst of trials (1:4).
- B. Secondly, consider the _____ to glowing in the midst of trials.

CONCLUSION: Like the Apostle Paul, we need to respond quickly when those around us are being crushed under the winepress of trials, tests and tribulations. We need to respond in the following ways:

1. We need to look _____!
2. We need to reach _____!
3. We need to speak _____!