

## LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT-1

### *“Making An Impact That Counts”*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-2

Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **I. FIRST, HIS GREETING \_\_\_\_\_ THE LOCAL ASSEMBLY AS BEING IN GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (1 Thessalonians 1:1).**

A. First, notice His \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1a). “... *Silvanus, and Timothy...*”

1. First, he \_\_\_\_\_ Silvanus (Latin for Silas) (1:1)

2. Secondly, he \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy as well (1:1)

B. Secondly, note the \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1b) “... *unto the church of the Thessalonians...*”

C. Thirdly, consider his \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1c) “... *grace be unto you and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*”

#### **II. SECONDLY, IN GOING ON, PAUL \_\_\_\_\_ HIS READERS THAT THE CHURCH THAT MAKES AN IMPACT IS THE WORK OF THE LORD AND NOT MAN (1 Thessalonians 1:2).**

**CONCLUSION:** If we want to make an impact in our area in influence, our lives must be **DISTINCT** from those around us! **WE MUST** have lives that are transformed by the **GOSPEL**:

#### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

- 1. Do you agree that we haven't made much of an impact in our city, county and area of ministry?**
- 2. It is obvious that growing in the Lord is a life-long process. So, how much change is needed to confirm that a person is really saved?**
- 3. Many professing Christians today are not associated with a local church. Why is this? How can we change it?**
- 4. Paul tells us to “*examine*” ourselves as to whether we “*be in the faith*”! But too much self-examination can be dangerous. Where is the balance?**