

## **1 Thessalonians 1:2-10**

[2] We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,  
[3] remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,  
[5] because our gospel came to you not only in word,  
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

[6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

[7] so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

[8] For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

[9] For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

[10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

## **1) Have Good Spiritual Examples to Imitate (to Follow).**

**Ephesians 5:1** - Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

**1 Peter 2:21–23** [21] For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. [22] He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. [23] When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

**1 Corinthians 4:16** I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**1 Corinthians 11:1** Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**Philippians 3:17** Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

**3 John 1:11** - Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good.

## **2) Be an Example to Others Through the Grace of Our Lord and Through the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit**

**1 Thess. 2:14** For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,