

# CONCERNED

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Three concerns Paul had for the Thessalonians...

## I. PAUL IS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. Because he \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**1 THESS 2:17** But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you.

### B. Because he \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**1 THESS 2:18** For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us.

## II. PAUL IS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. Because people matter \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 THESS 2:19** For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?

**ROMANS 15:17-18** Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. 18 I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done—

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:31** Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

### B. Because reward is tied to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 THESS 2:20** Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

## III. PAUL IS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. Their faith with regard to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 THESS 3:1** So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens.

**1 THESS 3:2** We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith,

### B. Their faith with regard to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 THESS. 3:2** We sent Timothy... to strengthen and encourage you in your faith. **3** so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.

**1 THESS. 3:4** In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know.

**1 PETER 1:6-7** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. **7** These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

### C. Their faith with regard to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 THESS. 3:5** For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.

**JOHN 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**HEBREWS 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please God...

**Q: How are you doing? How is your \_\_\_\_\_?**