

## 8. Thessalonians

In the New Testament there are two letters Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica - 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians. When Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, he was in the city of Corinth. Paul wanted to go and visit the Thessalonian Christians, but he had not been able to go, so he sent his friend Timothy to check on them. Timothy told Paul how much the Thessalonian Christians missed Paul and loved him (1 Thes. 3:6-12), and he told Paul about some questions the Christians had about Jesus and when He would come back and take them to heaven.

In the letters Paul wrote to the Christians, he explained that we don't know when Jesus is coming, so we must always be ready. Paul told them not to just stand around and wait. We need to keep busy. Paul said, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thes. 3:13).



It has been a long time since Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, and Jesus has not yet come back to take all the Christians to heaven to be with Him forever. While we wait for Jesus to come, we are to continue working (1 Thes. 4:11). This includes learning your schoolwork so you can have a good job when you get older, and you can do more to serve God and teach others about Jesus.

One of the things we should be doing is praying. Paul said, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thes. 5:17). We should pray often. God is our Heavenly Father. Just as we enjoy talking to our friends and family members, we should enjoy talking to God! The word "cease" means stop. We should pray without stopping. No, we are not going to pray every minute of every day! But we should have special times for prayer, such as mealtime and bedtime. We may want to pray other times of the day, too. A day should never go by without us praying to God.

Paul also urged the Christians to "stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught" (2 Thes. 2:15). Over the years, many have gone away from the Truth of God's Word and have accepted false teachings. Some think it is OK to add man's teachings to what God commands us to do during worship and regarding the way the church works.

Paul knew this would happen. When he visited with the elders from Ephesus he warned them, "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock [Christians]...for I know this, that after my departure salvage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock" (Acts 20:28,29). As you study the Bible, you learn more about how to remain faithful to God and be pleasing to Him.

## Missing Letters

Find which letter is missing from each line below and write them in the blanks provided at the bottom of the page. You can check your answer by looking at 1 Thes. 5:16.

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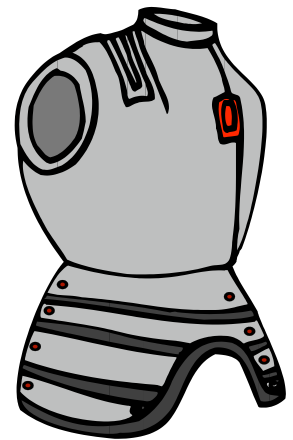
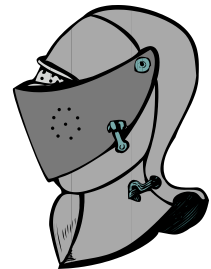
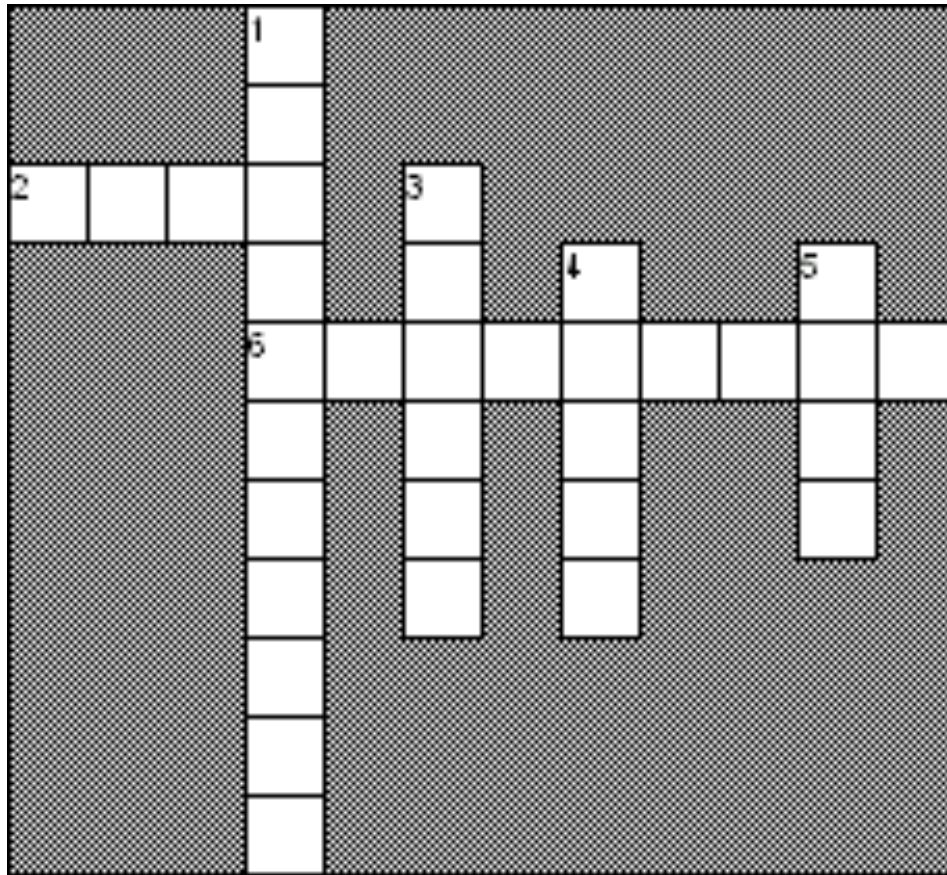
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# 1 Thes. 5:8



"...putting on the (1D)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
(4D)\_\_\_\_\_ and (5D)\_\_\_\_\_, and as a (3D)\_\_\_\_\_  
the (2A)\_\_\_\_\_ of (6A)\_\_\_\_\_."

## Fill in the Blanks

Look at 1 Thes. 5:14,15 and choose the correct words to fit into this verse.

"Now we exhort you, \_\_\_\_\_, warn  
brethren/children/preachers

those who are \_\_\_\_\_, comfort the  
nice/mean/unruly

\_\_\_\_\_, uphold the \_\_\_\_\_,  
fainthearted/strong/injured sick/weak/rich

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sweet/patient/tired some/all/many













no one renders \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
good/evil/treats good/evil/money

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anyone/no one/all men never/sometimes/always








what is \_\_\_\_\_ both for \_\_\_\_\_  
wrong/good/valuable yourselves/angels/them










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none/all/many

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What does this mean?

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29 For I know this, that after my \_\_\_\_\_ savage \_\_\_\_\_ will com in among you not \_\_\_\_\_ the flock.

30 Also from among \_\_\_\_\_ men will rise up, \_\_\_\_\_ perverse things, to draw away the \_\_\_\_\_ after themselves.

31 Therefore \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that for \_\_\_\_\_ years I did not cease to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone night and day with tears.

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