

“Being An Encouragement”

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1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

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Introduction:

- A. Do you know how to be an _____?
- B. Unfortunately, many people are skilled _____.
- C. Life and _____ can also be very discouraging.
- D. My main point today is: A person’s _____ to God is a great encouragement to others.

I. Exploring the Text

- A. Paul found himself in a terrible dilemma: he was forced to _____ the Thessalonians, but he was terribly _____ about them.
- B. He could send back another member of his ministry team, but that would leave him in a _____ situation.
- C. Paul decided to send Timothy back to _____ on them and _____ to them.
- D. Timothy safely traveled to Thessalonica and returned with _____.
- E. This was a great _____ to Paul.
- F. Paul finished up the chapter in _____.

II. Applying the Text - How to be an Encouragement.

- A. We can be an encouragement by being _____.
- B. We can be an encouragement by being _____ through trials.
- C. We can be an encouragement by expressing our _____.
- D. We can be an encouragement by _____ with others.
- E. We can be an encouragement by _____ for others.

Answer Key: Intro. A. encouragement. B. discouragers. C. circumstances. D. faithfulness. I.A. leave, concerned. I.B. vulnerable. I.C. check, minister. I.D. good, news. I.E. relief. I.F. prayer. II.A. present. II.B. faithful. II.C. appreciation. II.D. spending, time. II.E. praying.