



I & II THESSALONIANS



The Protective Father



1 Thessalonians 3

**Therefore, when we could no longer stand it,
we thought it was better to be left alone in
Athens. And we sent Timothy, our brother
and God's co-worker in the gospel of Christ, to
strengthen and encourage you concerning
your faith, so that no one will be shaken by
these persecutions. For you yourselves know
that we are appointed to this. In fact, when**

**we were with you, we told you previously
that we were going to suffer persecution, and
as you know, it happened. For this reason,
when I could no longer stand it, I also sent to
find out about your faith, fearing that the
tempter had tempted you and that our labor
might be for nothing. But now Timothy has
come to us from you and brought us good**

news about your faith and love, and that you always have good memories of us, wanting to see us, as we also want to see you. Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution, we were encouraged about you through your faith. For now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord. How can we thank God for you in return for all the joy we experience because of you

**before our God, as we pray earnestly night
and day to see you face to face and to
complete what is lacking in your faith? Now
may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord
Jesus, direct our way to you. And may the
Lord cause you to increase and overflow with
love for one another and for everyone, just as
we also do for you. May He make your hearts**

**blameless in holiness before our God and
Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all
His saints.**

Amen.

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The Inability to Mind His Own Business

The Art of Juggling (v.1-3)

Paul's purpose (v.2-3)

Paul's fears (v.5)

It is Good to Get Out of the House

A good report gladly received (v.6-7)

A life lived vicariously (v.8)

How can we thank God? (v.9-10)

Spontaneous Prayer

A prayer for direction (v.11)

A prayer for increase (v.12)

A prayer for sanctification (v.13)

What About You?

Are you minding your own business?

How do you thank God?