## 1 Thessalonians Complete Amplified Outline Used by permission per WORDsearch

- I. Salutation: the writer and his companions, the recipients and their position, the double greeting (1:1)
- II. Paul's interest in the Thessalonians (1:2—3:13)
  - A. Paul's commendation of the Thessalonians (1:2-10)
    - 1. The content of his commendation (1:2-8)
      - a. Summary prayer (1:2-3)
      - b. In detail (1:4-8)
        - (1) Their work of faith (1:4-5)
        - (2) Their steadfastness of hope (1:6-7)
        - (3) Their labor of love (1:8)
    - 2. The cause for his commendation (1:9-10)
      - a. Their faith and love (1:9)
      - b. Their hope: its character and content (1:10)
  - B. Paul's conduct before the Thessalonians (2:1-12)
    - 1. Conduct in purity of motive (2:1-4)
      - a. In opposition (2:1-2)
      - b. In truth (2:3-4)
    - 2. Conduct in purposeful labor (2:5-9)
      - a. In selflessness (2:5-6)
      - b. In gentleness (2:7)
      - c. In affection (2:8-9)
    - 3. Conduct in purity of life (2:10-12)
      - a. In behavior (2:10)
      - b. In exhortation (2:11)
      - c. In result (2:12)
  - C. Paul's concern for the Thessalonians (2:13—3:13)
    - 1. Concern for their suffering (2:13—3:5)
      - a. The cause of their suffering (2:13-16)
      - b. The concern for their suffering (2:17-20)
      - c. The cure for their suffering (3:1-4)
        - (1) Timothy's mission (3:1-2)
        - (2) Paul's teaching (3:3-4)
      - d. The fear of their suffering (3:5)
    - 2. Concern for their deficiencies (3:6-13)
      - a. The fact of their deficiencies (3:6-10)
      - b. The cure for their deficiencies (3:11-13)
        - (1) Paul's coming (3:11)
        - (2) Paul's concern (3:12-13)
- III. Paul's instruction for the Thessalonians (4:1—5:22)
  - A. Concerning Christian maturity (4:1-12)
    - 1. Concerning moral looseness (4:1-8)
    - 2. Concerning love for the brethren (4:9-12)
  - B. Concerning the dead (4:13-18)
    - 1. The problem of dead believers (4:13)
    - 2. The promise for dead believers (4:14)
    - 3. The privilege of dead believers (4:15)
    - 4. The program for dead believers (4:16)
    - 5. The program for living believers (4:17)
    - 6. The instruction (4:18)
  - C. Concerning the Day of the Lord (5:1-11)
    - 1. The suddenness of it (5:1-2)
    - 2. The time and certainty of it (5:3)
    - 3. The knowledge of it (5:4-5)
    - 4. The exhortation from it (5:6-11)

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  - 2. In relation to others (5:14-15)
  - 3. In relation to self (5:16-22)
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    - b. Be prayerful (5:17)
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