

GAME CHANGER

A Walk Through the Book of 1 Thessalonians

Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

Prayer

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

A Game Changer is Someone Who Prays Earnestly

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

1 Thessalonians 3:10

“When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words be without heart.”

-John Bunyon

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1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Blessings of praying:

1. Encouragement

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1 Thessalonians 3:7-8

2. Joy

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

1 Thessalonians 3:9

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? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

“Crown” = Greek **“Diadema”** – “the crown of a king”

or

Greek **“Stephanos”** – “the crown of a victor”