

LEADERS: Be all about it.

In desire for fellowship. 1 Thessalonians 2:17-18

- Leaders desire fellowship with their disciples. (vs 8!)
We want to **help** the faith of those that God gives us. Why? They are DEAR to you.
- Vs 18: Paul was hindered by Satan. So, what could he do? Paul wrote a letter and he sent Timothy to make sure they were established in the faith. KEY: do what it takes to get the job done!

In recognition of the Judgment Seat of Christ. 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

1. Background to the Judgment Seat of Christ.

- It is God's judgment of our _____ to Him. **1 Corinthians 3:12-15**
Gold, silver, precious stones = _____
Gold = _____
Silver = _____ Lev 5 and 27
Stones = _____ Eph 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-5; Rev 3:12; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19
Wood, hay, stubble = _____
- Considering 1 Corinthians 3, think about Paul's statement in chapter 2 regarding the Thessalonians.
Vs 1-11, 17-18 = "we were ALL ABOUT YOU!"
Vs 12-16 = "so you would be ALL ABOUT GOD!"
Vs 19-20 = "because you ALL ARE OUR REWARD!"

"Only two things last forever. The Word of God and the souls of men. Those who are wise invest the one into the other!" KEY: invest your soul into the Word, THEN invest the Word into the souls of others.

2. Focus of the Judgement Seat of Christ.

- Paul calls the Thessalonian believers (their disciples) their "Crown of rejoicing."

This is one of 5 crowns at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
 1. **The Crown of _____** = for those who love Christ's appearing. **2 Tim 4:8**
 2. **The Crown of _____** = the martyr's crown. Laying down your life for Christ in the face of persecution and death! **James 1:12; Revelation 2:10**
 3. **The _____ Crown** = for those who follow the faith, not the flesh.
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 4. **The Crown of _____** = For pastors / elders who lead well. **1 Peter 5:1-4**
 5. **The Crown of _____**. = For soul winning, disciple makers! **1 Thessalonians 2:19-20**
- ***Paul won them, he trained them AND he sent Timothy to keep training them. Why?***
Believers must be firmly established in the faith. **1 Thessalonians 3:1-10 VS Luke 8:4-15**
2 Corinthians 1:14; Philippians 4:1
- **KEY: Invest.** We invest what God has done in us and given to us (His Word and salvation) INTO the lives of others so that they can also represent at the Judgment Seat of Christ. **Phil 2:15-16**
- **DANGER:** Some of us are working so hard to make a perfect life for ourselves today. The danger is that at the Judgment Seat of Christ there will be NO ONE testifying and giving glory to God over your investment in their life.
- Watch what Paul did to ensure that his reward would not fail.
The discipler's heart? It desires fruit for their disciples at the JSOC.