

How can we help others to grow in Christ?

(prayer)

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Growing Together, While Apart

- 1 Impact of Faith
- 2a,b Toil of Love
- 3 Accountability with Hope
- 4 Growing in Purity + Love
- 5a Hope of Salvation
- **5b** Acts of **Faith**

We endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face

1 Thessalonians 2:17 (ESV)

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- 2. Product: Joy + Thanksgiving (v6-10)
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We sent Timothy ...

3 that no one be moved by these afflictions.

For you yourselves know that we are destined for this.

1 Thessalonians 3:2,3 (ESV)

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I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

1 Thessalonians 3:5 (ESV)

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- 1. Anticipate Challenges
- 2. Initiate Support
- 3. Radiate Comfort, not Coercion

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For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass

1 Thessalonians 3:4 (ESV)

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We sent Timothy ... to establish and exhort you in your faith

1 Thessalonians 3:2 (ESV)

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What is my aim when holding others accountable?



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the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly

1 Thessalonians 3:6 (ESV)

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in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith.

8 For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 3:7-8 (ESV)

For what **thanksgiving** can we return to God for you, for all the **joy** that we feel for your sake before our God,

1 Thessalonians 3:9 (ESV)

as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

1 Thessalonians 3:9 (ESV)

What makes me feel truly alive?



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Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,

1 Thessalonians 3:11 (ESV)

and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (ESV)

- 1. Experience God's Love
- 2. Exercise Love to God
- 3. Exhibit God's Love Toward Others

so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 (ESV)

How do I pray for others?

