

Timothy's Encouraging Report - 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Topics

Encouragement, Faith, Love, Prayer, Second Coming

Open It Questions

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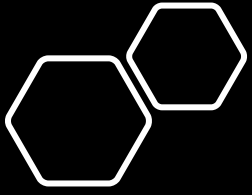
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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.



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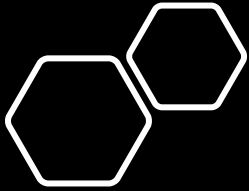
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St Paul informs the Thessalonians how, being hindered himself from visiting them, he had sent Timothy to comfort them, of whom he gives a high character, vv. 1, 2. He also shows that trials and difficulties are unavoidable in the present state, vv. 3, 4.



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In this section, Paul mentions the joy he had on hearing by Timothy of their steadiness in the faith, for which he returns thanks to God; and prays earnestly for their increase, vv. 5-10. Paul prays also that God may afford him the opportunity to seeing them, v. 11. And that they may abound in love to God and one another and be unblameable in holiness at the coming of Christ, vv. 12, 13.



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2 Corinthians 13:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁵ Test and evaluate yourselves to see whether you are in the faith and living your lives as [committed] believers. Examine yourselves [not me]! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves [by an ongoing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test and are rejected as counterfeit?



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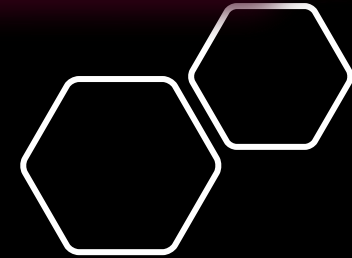
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