

Powered for Life

Sometimes in Christianity, the most important and helpful elements of our spiritual life become overly _____ words with less power than they deserve.

Especially with the church in Thessalonica Paul kept his eye on three _____ gauges for that congregation.

1 Thess. 1:3 & 8-10

FAITH

Moved By “*your work produced by faith, ...*” ^{1:3}

Known By “*your faith in God has become known everywhere*” ^{1:8}

_____ **By** “*... to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.*” ^{3:2-3}

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.
James 2:29

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. Romans 10:17

LOVE for God & one another

Moved By “*your labor prompted by love*” ... ^{1:3}

Known By “*They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ...*” ^{1:9}

_____ **To** “*... for you ... have been taught by God to love each other.*” ^{4:9}

God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.
Hebrews 6:10

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Eph. 4:2

Jesus is Coming

Moved By “*your endurance inspired by hope ...*” ^{1:3}

Known By “*to wait for His Son from heaven, ...*” ^{1:10}

_____ **For** “*... so that you will be blameless and holy ... when our Lord Jesus comes ...*” ^{3:13}

So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. Hebrews 9:28

But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with ... cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ... But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. Luke 21:34-36

All are Designed to _____

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living.

*Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this **more and more**.*

*And in fact, you do love all of God's family ... Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so **more and more**, 1 Thess. 4:1 & 10*

*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing **more and more**, and the love all of you have for one another is **increasing**. 2 Thess. 1:3*

Optional Readings: *Watch for a focus on 3 things.*

Faith, Love, & Jesus' 2nd coming

Acts 16 & 17 1 Thessalonians 1-5 2 Thessalonians 1-3

1 Timothy 1 & 6 2 Timothy 1 & 3

Since these three fuel our spiritual life, it makes sense that these will be the main _____ of our enemy.