

Examples of...

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Points to Consider

1. They followed examples
2. They led by example
3. They hoped for something better

They followed examples

1 Thess 1:6 *And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit.*

They became _____ of Paul, Silas, Timothy and the Lord.
They followed the example of the three men by becoming disciples of the Lord.

1 Cor 1:12-13 - Paul didn't want anyone to elevate him to the same level as Christ.

1 Cor 4:15-17 He did often encourage people to follow his _____ as he followed and taught them the ways of Christ.

Notice that 1 Thes 1:6 says they received the word in much _____.

Acts 20:18-24 - Paul said his life consisted of shedding many _____ and included many trials.

Acts 21:10-14 - Agabus prophesied that the Jews would _____ Paul and turn him over to the Gentiles.

Paul said he was prepared to be bound and to die for the name of Jesus Christ.

1 Thess 2:2-3

Even though Paul was _____ treated at Philippi, he still
_____ preached the gospel in much _____.

1 Thess 2:14-15

The Christians in Thessalonica became imitators of the churches of God in Judea and _____ tremendous persecution from their own countrymen.

Having received the word in affliction, they also had the joy of the _____ Spirit.

Verse 5 tells us that the gospel did not come in word only, but in power and in the Holy Spirit and in much _____.

They led by example

1 Thess 1:7-9 *...so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. NKJV*

The believers in Thessalonica became the example of _____ to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

People need _____ examples to follow!

1 Tim 4:12-16 *Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. 16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.* NKJV

Timothy was not only responsible for teaching God's word; he was responsible for being an example in conduct, in _____, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.

The Thessalonians turned away from Idols to serve the living and _____ God.

They hoped for something better

1 Thess 4:15-18 *For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.* NKJV

They knew if they were faithful to God that they would be with Him _____.

2 Cor 4:16-5:2 *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 5 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.* NKJV

Paul considered his affliction light and _____.

The reward is _____!