EXEMPLARY FAITH FOR IMMINENT RAPTURE – 1 Thessalonians 2

They modeled an exemplary faith _____ in their expectancy of Christ's imminent return! –

1 John 2:28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

The Thessalonians modeled faith over fear!

1) The church was growing because they were busy _____ people!

2) First generational Christian passion can't be _____!

3) They would rather suffer persecution than remain silent and see others held in the grip of _____!

4) Their faith in Christ's return and reward motivated them to live for _____, just as their Savior had modeled!

5) They were obedient to the teaching and encouragement of _____ disciplers in Paul, Silas, and Timothy!

Paul used affectionate imagery to encourage Christian integrity:

1. As a Faithful _____! – V. 1-6

Faithful stewards are _____ interested in pleasing God, not placating man!

The definition of **heresy** is adherence to a religious _____ contrary to Christian doctrine.

The definition of **blasphemy** is irreverence toward the _____ truth of God's revealed Word. – **Isaiah 55:11**

We must stand on God's Word and _____ it to do its work! – **Hebrews 4:12**

John 15:18–21 {Page **1643** Pew Bible}

2 Timothy 1:7–8; Psalm 145:9; Matthew 5:45

We are compelled by God to preach the Word because there is a day coming when God's patience will _____! –
2 Thessalonians 1:9

Paul reveals the _____ we have in His message! –

Psalm 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

2. As a Gentile _____ – V. 7-8

Paul, Silas, and Timothy manifested a childlike sense of _____, trust, and belief in God's Word! Along with childlike _____! – **Matthew 18:3–4**

3. As a Concerned _____ – V. 9-16; Matthew 10:37

It is _____ to God when we neglect our relationship with Him for the sake of another!

4. A _____ Brother – V. 17-20; 1 Peter 4:8