

Key 3:3, 4

## Are You discouraged by The Problems?

### 1 Thessalonians - Study #4 - Chapter 3:1-5

- ✓ ① In light of our desire to see you.
- ✓ ② In light of the fact that we were hindered.
- ✓ ③ we did the next best thing — sent Timothy.

v. 1 Wherefore no longer being able to bear it, we considered it good to be left behind in Athens alone;

- ✓ ① Intensity of Feelings.
- ✓ ② Deep love he has for them.

v. 2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and fellow worker of God (God's helper) in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you concerning your faith;

① ②

"In" Not "by"  
How?

- ✓ ① Direction
- ✓ ② Doubting
- ✓ ③ Dis pleasure
- ✓ ④ Discipline

Goal For Timothy's Mission

Trials Are the Christian's Appointment And destiny.  
Christianity told you so!

You Are Normal!  
Flying According to Flight Plan!  
Nothing has gone haywire!

If You Can't Stand the heat  
Get out of the Kitchen!  
Acts 9:15, 16  
Acts 14:22

Satan 2:18

v. 3 so that no one might be deceived in these afflictions; for you yourselves are knowing that we are destined for this.

John 16:33  
Rom. 8:38, 39

✓ John 3:12

✓ Chron. 28:20

- ✓ ① Discouragement
- ✓ ② Depression
- ✓ ③ Disobedience
- ✓ ④ Defeat

v. 4 For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were to be afflicted; even as also it came to pass, and you are knowing.

Resumes Verse 1.

v. 5 Because of this I also, when I could not bear it any longer, sent [him] that I might come to know your faith, lest perchance the one who is tempting you, and our work should be in vain.

- ✓ ① World
- ✓ ② Flesh

Temptation & Deception  
Are primary in Satan's Battle Plan!

Ph. 1: 12<sup>9</sup>

- ✓ ① Goes with the territory
- ✓ ② Going to get hurt — Matt. 5:11, 12  
Luke 9:23
- ✓ ③ When you love you lay

*Get into the kitchen!*  
Acts 9:15, 16  
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**Satan 2:18**

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**How?**

① world  
② Flesh  
③ Devil

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**Ph. 1:129**

**Question Tempter Tried but was he successful?**

**II Tim. 1:15**  
4:10

**I Cor. 15:58**

① Goes with the territory  
② Going to get hurt — Matt. 5:11, 12  
Luke 9:23  
③ when You love You lay Yourself wide open.  
④ A servant suffers from selfishness.  
⑤ Christ-like character comes from the crucible.  
Rom. 5:1-5  
II Peter 1:5-8

## Movement of the Men!

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  - ✓① Paul left Silas + Timothy at Berea and goes to Athens. Acts. 17:15,16  
they joined him at Athens - I Thess. 3:1
  - ✓② Timothy is sent from Athens to Thessalonica - I Thess. 3:2
  - ✓③ Silas goes to Macedonia after Timothy leaves - Acts 18:5
  - ✓④ Paul goes to Corinth from Athens - Acts 18:1
  - ✓⑤ Silas + Timothy rejoin Paul at Corinth - Acts 18:5
  - ✓⑥ Paul now writes to Thessalonica in names of Paul, Silas + Timothy.