



THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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“Encouragement is like oxygen to the soul, and everybody needs it.”

JOHN MAXWELL

Even the _____ needed encouragement.

Therefore when I could bear it no longer ... 1 THESSALONIANS 3:1 ESV

For this reason, when I could bear it no longer ... 1 THESSALONIANS 3:5 ESV

The Power of Encouraging People

1. Paul sent _____ to encourage.

Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone,² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ ... 1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-5 ESV

2. Paul was encouraged by their _____.

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our

distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. 1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-8 ESV

The Power of Encouraging Words

1. Paul wrote an encouraging _____.

We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you ... 1 THESSALONIANS 2:12, ALSO 4:18, 5:11, 5:14

2. Paul _____ for the Thessalonians.

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith. 1 THESS. 3:9-10

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3. Paul _____ them with a _____.

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 1 THESS. 3:11-13, ALSO 1 THESS. 5:23-24; 2 THESS. 2:16-17, 3:5, 3:16-18