



# A Life Worth Imitating — Joyfully Persevering

## 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

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### 4 Things that Made The Thessalonians' Lives Worth Imitating

#### I. Joyfully \_\_\_\_\_

A. They became imitators of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ in their suffering

1. Jesus and his disciples maintained \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of trials and persecution throughout the NT (*Heb 12:1-2; Matt 5:11-12; Acts 5:41, 16:25; 2 Cor 7:4; 1 Pet 1:6, 4:13*)

2. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the Thessalonians that this would come, and so it had (2:13; 3:4)

B. It was \_\_\_\_\_ they responded to their affliction that Paul commends them for —

*With the Joy of the Holy Spirit*

C. Having responded with such joy, they had now become \_\_\_\_\_ to all the believers in the region

1. This joyful perseverance becomes both a model of \_\_\_\_\_ for believers as well as as a shining \_\_\_\_\_ to unbelievers

## **II. APPLICATION**

A. How about you? Is your life \_\_\_\_\_ by the same joyful perseverance in the midst of hardships, persecution, or trials?

B. Could someone look at your life and say that you are an \_\_\_\_\_ of facing affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit?

C. We are \_\_\_\_\_ examples. The question is whether you are a good one or a bad one. Is your life worthy of \_\_\_\_\_?