

# 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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## Live Out Loud

**READ** 1 Thessalonians 1, Acts 17:1-15 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Andrew Edmonds [sermon](#).

There is a lot of 'noise' being made in our day and not much melody! There's the content overload of ideas and opinions, the constant shouting of people over social media and we have the general promotion of ideas that undermine a Christian worldview and practice. Now at the same time we also have the silencing of the collective Christian voice, but now isn't the time to shrink back and be quiet, for our world needs us to 'Amplify' our faith by broadcasting our good news and our good living! But where do we look for examples to imitate in this effort? 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 can help us turn up the volume.

**Main lesson:** Believers can be encouraged to amplify their faith in word and deed, by following the example of the Thessalonian Church who lived out loud for Jesus.

### Questions:

1. Throughout your life who have been some of the people you imitated? Why did you imitate them?

2. How would you describe Paul's experiences in Thessalonica (see Acts 17:1-15)? Despite the challenges how does Paul and his partners 'feel' about this 'new' group of believers?

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:3-5. What are the evidences that God has worked in the lives of the Thessalonians?

4. Looking at the example presented in 1 Thessalonians 1:3 and examine your own life in its light. What specific areas of your relationship with people and with God are you able to describe with work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope? Reflect.

5. In which of the three areas of virtue (v.3) do you desire to see growth? How do you think you think this growth can be fostered?

6. How did the Thessalonians first become imitators of and then models for the faith (1 Thes. 1:6-10)? What does this tell you about their growth in Christ?

7. In light of 1 Thes. 1:6-7 and 1 Corinthians 11:1. Who are some of your models in the faith? How do you imitate them? For whom are you a model? How do you feel about this?

8. Describe Paul's ministry of sharing and witness of Jesus in the city of Thessalonica (and beyond) and the nature of the follow up that flowed afterwards?

9. Noticing the example in the passage, what does this now mean for your life, and the people in your schools, work circles, networks, clubs, and neighbourhood? Pray about these observations and for courage to apply.

### STOP AND PRAY:

**Praise:** *God who uses His people to sound out the gospel of Jesus.*

**Confess:** *Of times of silence of not sharing Jesus, and for turning to idols instead of turning to Jesus in repentance and faith.*

**Pray:** *for God's enabling to turn up the volume of the love of Christ in your words and in your deeds.*