Three Times Encouraged – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

I. Pray for the Proclaimers (v. 1-2)

- 1. Paul solicits the Christians of Thessalonica to ______ for him and his co-workers as they labored in the gospel. (v. 1)
- 2. As we read of the growing church, what two words are used to describe this growth?
 (1) T __ O __ S __ N __ S (Acts 4:4) (2) M __ L __ T __ D __ (Acts 8:5–6)
- We are encouraged to remember those _____ (lead) us in the church. (Hebrews 13:7)
- 4. Paul asked that they be delivered from ______ and _____ men. (v. 2)
- 5. We are ______ when people say evil and untrue things about us because we follow Christ. (Matthew 5:11–12)

II. Guarded from Evil (v. 3-4)

- 6. The Lord is ______, and will strengthen us and guard us from the evil one. (v. 3)
- In the model prayer, we are to pray that God will ______ us from the evil one." (Matthew 6:13)
- Satan claimed that God had made a H __ D __ E around Job, thus protecting him from evil. (Job 1:10)
- 9. Paul was confident that the church was doing what had been _____. (v. 4)
- 10. What happens when we submit to God and resist the devil? (James 4:7) He will ______.

III. Headed in the Right Direction (v. 5)

- 11. May the Lord ______ your hearts into the ______ of God. (v. 5)
- 12. Is the popular saying, "Just follow your heart" wise advice?
 - a. "There is a way that seems ______ to a man, but its end is the way of _____." (Proverbs 14:12)
 - b. "The way of a ______ is right in his own eyes..." (Proverbs 12:15a)
- 13. We should always say, ""If the Lord _____, we shall live and do this or that." (James 4:15)
- 14. The Lord will also direct our hearts into P __ T __ N __ E of Christ. (v. 5)
- 15. "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the ______ of the _____." (James 5:7)