

LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

“I’m Being Persecuted. Now What?” I Thessalonians 3:1-5

INTRODUCTION

- KEY POINT: God wants us to be _____ to _____ wisely to persecution.

- The Connection between Paul and the Thessalonians (Chapters 1-3)

- The Instruction Paul gives to the Thessalonians (Chapters 4-5)

EXPOSITION: I’m Being Persecuted. Now What?

I. Why Was Timothy Sent? (vs. 1-2)

A. _____ (vs. 1).

- Acts 17:10-15

B. _____ (vs. 2).

- Paul sent Timothy...
 - To Corinth (I Cor. 4:17; 16:10-11)
 - To Philippi (Phil. 2:19-24)
 - To Ephesus (I Tim. 1:3)
 - To Thessalonica

II. What Was Paul’s Aim? (vs. 3-5)

A. _____ (vs. 3-4).

- The word "Moved"

-- Destined for Persecution

- John 16:33; Acts 14:22; II Timothy 3:12

- Why aren't Western Christians persecuted more?

B. _____ (vs. 5a).

- Persecution is good for our faith

C. _____ (vs. 5b).

- I Peter 5:8

- Some lies about persecution

D. _____ (vs. 5c).

- John 16:33; Isaiah 53:5-6; Philippians 3:10-11

- Stanza from "Close to Thee"

CONCLUSION

