

New Testament Handles

2 Thessalonians

1. Perseverance in Persecution – 1:3-10

2. Model for Mutual Prayer – 1:11-12, 2:13-3:5

- Frequency – “always” – 1:3, 1:11, 2:13
- Thanksgiving – 1:3, 2:13
- Requests
 - God will count you worthy of your calling (1:11)
 - God will fulfill every good desire in you (1:11)
 - That Jesus Christ will be glorified in you (1:12)
 - That you will be glorified in Jesus Christ (1:12, 2:14)
 - God comfort and strengthen their hearts in every good work and word (2:17)
 - Our Gospel ministry would be effective (3:1)
 - We would be protected from perverse and evil men (3:2)
 - Direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ (3:5)

3. Avoiding Christian Idleness – 3:6-15

- a) Apostolic Prohibition – 3:6
- b) Apostolic Example – 3:7-9
- c) Apostolic Rule – 3:10-12 –
- d) Apostolic Clarifier – 3:13 –

4. Correcting a Specific Error about the Future Day of the Lord – 2:1-12

Terminology: (2:1-2)

1. *Day of the Lord (DOL)* –
2. *Coming of Jesus* –
3. *Gathering together with Him* –

Timing of DOL: (2:3-12) – 2 Prior events

1. Apostasy (v. 3)
2. Man of Lawlessness (v. 3-12)
3. The Restrainer – v. 6-7