

Praying For the Right Things

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12; 2:16-17; 3:1-5, 16-18

- 1) Stand firm in the midst of trials, **praying** (2 Thess. 1-12)
 - a) To be enabled to endure trials (1:11a)
 - b) To accomplish great things in Christ's name (1:11b)
 - c) That Christ would be honored in how we live (1:12a)
 - d) That Christ's glory would be our one goal (1:12b)
- 2) Don't be duped by false teachers telling lies, **praying** (2 Thess. 2:1-17)
 - a) For a right understanding of God (2:16)
 - b) For comfort & strength while surrounded by evil (2:17)
- 3) Strive to be found serving Christ when He returns, **praying** (2 Thess. 3:1-18)
 - a) For your pastors, that (3:1-2)
 - i) God's word be prioritized
 - ii) The gospel spread rapidly & be glorified
 - b) For the Church, that (3:3-5, 16-18)
 - i) She recognize enemy opposition
 - ii) She continue to proclaim the truth
 - iii) God's love be seen in her
 - iv) Christ's steadfastness be manifested
 - v) God's peace flood her continually
 - vi) She recognize truth from error
 - vii) God's grace continues on her