

Being Examples of Gospel Transformation

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 (Read verses 1-10)

Introduction: See Matthew 13:19-23; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

I. We Should Be Examples of Witnessing to the Truth of the Gospel (vss. 8-9a)

Recall verses 5-6.

II. We Should Be Examples of the Wonder of Conversion to Serve the True God (v. 9b)

Romans 1:18-25

As John Stott has aptly put it, “The claim to have turned to God from idols is manifestly bogus if it does not result in serving the true God to whom we have turned. We must not think of conversion only in negative terms as a turning away from the old life, but also positively as the beginning of a new life of service” (*The Gospel & the End of Time: The Message of 1 and 2 Thessalonians*, p. 41).

III. We Should Be Examples of Waiting for the Return of Our Lord Jesus (vs. 10)

Conclusion: See Romans 1:13; Colossians 1:9-12; James 4:2