

A Church of First Love

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

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- A. Background of the Church in Thessalonica – Acts 17:1-4
- B. A Look Inside a First Love Church
 - 1. Characteristics in a first love church

- 2. Characteristics of Leaders in a first love church

1 Thessalonians 1

- An affirming leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:3-4, Prov. 27:23, Phil. 1:3-5
- A praying leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:3, Acts 6:4

1 Thessalonians 2

- A suffering leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:2, 2 Cor. 4:8-11
- A Gospel-centered leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:2, 1 Cor. 2:1-4, John 3:30
- A transparent leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4; 2:9-10
- An affectionate leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:7, 1 Cor. 13:1-3
- A sacrificial leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:8-9, 2 Corinthians 12:15

1 Thessalonians 3

- A Reminding leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:4, Jeremiah 6:16, 2 Peter 1:12
- A watchful leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:5, Acts 20:28-31

1 Thessalonians 4

- An Exhorting leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:1
- A teaching leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13

1 Thessalonians 5

- A Unity-promoting leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, John 17:20-21
- A Prayer –dependent leadership
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:25, 2 Cor. 1:9-11