

13. Is Bible study, prayer, and church attendance for the purpose of producing fruit?
14. In not, what is the purpose then?
15. What in us produces fruit?
16. According to Paul, in 2 Corinthians 3:5, our adequacy comes from whom?
17. We are not competent, but who is?
18. According to Ephesians 2:10, we are God's what?
19. In I Corinthians 9, Paul compares the Christian life to what two things?
20. How does Paul describe his effort in the Christian life and ministry?
21. In 2 Corinthians 11 Paul was forced to defend his apostleship. In doing so, he said what about himself?
22. In 1st and 2nd Timothy Paul compares the Christian life and ministry to a S_____, an A_____, a hard-working F_____, and a laborer.
23. In I Timothy 4:7-10, Paul compares the pursuit of godliness with what?
24. Was Paul's trust in the living God a passive or an active trust?
25. What were some of the aggressive words used by Paul in I Timothy 6:11-14?
26. What is the first passage we look at that shows how the two truths taught thus far, go together?
27. Paul labored abundantly, but he drew his strength from where?
28. What two things are inextricably bound together?
29. What is a second passage that gives us insight into the tension between God's work in us and our labor?
30. What does the word, "labor", in Colossians 1:28-29 mean?
31. The word "striving" comes from the Greek word, from which we get what English word?
32. Paul expended all of his strength, but his strength was provided by whom?
33. According to Colossians 1:29, the source of energy is whom?
34. The verse that shows the tension of "who lives the Christian life" most graphically is where?
35. What do we learn about this subject from Philippians 2:12-13?
36. What is Paul's first request for the believers in Thessalonica?
37. What is his second request for these believers in Thessalonica?
38. Paul wanted the Thessalonians to be encouraged and strong, so he did what?
39. Paul knew that for his teaching and exhortation to be effective it would take the what?
40. To be effective in the Christian life, it takes what?
41. You cannot live the Christian life and you cannot stand strong without what?
42. Paul taught, he exhorted and he did what?
43. Who is placed first when Paul mentions to whom his prayer is addressed?
44. Does it matter which order they (who Paul prays to) are placed in?

45. What is the first significant feature about Paul's introduction?
46. Why is the past tense used most often when describing God's love for us?
47. Why is it significant that God loved us before we were new creations in Christ, before we were changed, when we were still in sin?
48. Because of this unmerited love, God has given us everlasting consolation and what?
49. We have good hope because our future destiny is not the wrath of God but rather it is the hope of Jesus coming back to get us and do what?
50. Why has God given us all these glorious promises?
51. What are the two specific requests in Paul's prayer?
52. Paul prayed for strength in word and what?
53. How is your "talk"?
54. Do you utilize the gracious resource of prayer? If not, why not?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time: 1) Read 2 Thessalonians through one time; 2) Read chapter 3 each day this week; 3) As you read chapter 3, what do you believe is the major point that Paul is addressing?; 4) This week, think about and discuss with another believer your prayer life. What is it like? What do you normally pray about and who do you know pray for? What might be some motivations behind what you pray for and who you pray for? 5) Discuss with a friend, what the biblical response to hardships in life should be.

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THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH TO STAND STRONG.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (Series#12)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on **"The Source of Strength To Stand Strong"**. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What we have seen in the past couple of sermons is that the Bible clearly teaches what doctrine?
2. God's choice of who will be His is NOT based upon what?
3. The Bible teaches human responsibility and human volition, which means we are not what?
4. We are responsible to do what?
5. When Peter was asked, "What shall we do?" what was his response?
6. Are divine responsibility and human volition contradictory?
7. Who lives your Christian life?
8. What is wrong with the perspective: "You are supposed to do nothing unless you want to because if you don't desire to do something, then God hasn't worked that grace in your life yet"?
9. What will happen if you, as a Christian, try to live your Christian life by your own discipline, will power, or strength?
10. John 15 says that without Jesus we can do what?

11. Throughout John 15:4-5, Jesus is emphasizing to His disciples that He is the what?

12. Are you relying upon your methods, faithfulness, working, striving, discipline, or commitment to cause fruitfulness?