

THANKING GOD ALWAYS
I THESS. 1:2-3

Introduction:

- A. Paul was a man overflowing with thanksgiving.
 - 1. I Thess. 1:13.
 - 2. II Thess. 2:13.

- B. The object of a persons thanksgiving is revealing.
 - 1. Toys and baubbles of rust.
 - 2. Influence, success, fame, etc.
 - 3. Paul thanked God!

I. ALWAYS

- A. Paul taught the need of prayer.
 - 1. Phil. 4:6.
 - 2. II Thess. 3:1.

- B. Jesus taught Paul.
 - 1. "men ought always to pray and not faint."

II. FOR YOU ALL (for people)

- A. The saints.
 - 1. These are people!

- B. The church.
 - 1. Every member of this body.

III. WHAT SPECIFIC THINGS HAD THEY DONE?
WHY DID PAUL THANK GOD?

- A. "work of faith"
 - 1. work =[ergon] work as a single act, that which is brought into being by labour.
 - 2. Faith that caused work, or labor.

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B. "labour of love."

1. labour = [Kopos] weariness, wearisome effort.
2. We will continue in weariness for those we love.
 - a. Mother for family.

C. "Patience of hope."

1. patience = [upomova] = a remaining under, a bearing up under.
2. hope = [elpis] = expectation of something, future.

IV. WHERE HAD THESE THINGS BEEN DONE?

A. "In the sight of God."