



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Love and Holiness: I Thessalonians 3:12-14

1. **Trusting God in Difficulty**

Paul trusts that God is actively working in the lives of the Thessalonians.

Where in your life are you tempted to “rescue” yourself or others instead of trusting God to work through the situation?

2. **A Parent’s (or Mentor’s) Heart**

Paul expresses a deep, parental-like love for these believers.

Who has God placed in your life to spiritually care for or influence, and what do you most desire for them?

3. **Growing in Love Within Community**

The Thessalonians were strong in loving one another.

What does it practically look like for you to “increase and overflow” in love within your church or small group?

4. **Loving Beyond Comfort**

Paul calls them to love not just each other, but “everyone else”—even enemies.

Who is difficult for you to love right now, and what would radical, Christ-like love look like toward them?

5. **Balancing Love and Holiness**

The sermon emphasizes that the Christian life requires both love *and* holiness.

Do you naturally lean more toward love (acceptance) or holiness (truth/obedience)? How can you grow in the other area?

6. **Discipleship Over Comfort**

Paul prioritizes spiritual maturity over immediate relief from hardship.

How might God be using a current struggle in your life (or your child’s/mentee’s life) to deepen love and holiness?

7. **Praying Bold, Transformative Prayers**

Instead of praying for circumstances to change, Paul prays for transformation.

How could your prayers shift this week to focus more on spiritual growth (love and holiness) rather than just comfort or outcomes?