

# WHERE CHANGE BEGINS

## 1 Thessalonians

INFORMATIVE

INTERESTING

LIFE CHANGING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3, "Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;"

## I. Begin With The Right Attitude: God Has Something to Say to Me.

1. Understanding who this letter was written to helps me to see that God has something to say to me.

The letter was written to a city.

The letter was written to a church.

2. Understanding why this letter was written helps to see that God has something to say to me.

This letter is a response to news that Paul had heard from Timothy about the church.

Good news of their faith and love

Criticism of Paul

A need for instruction in areas of sexual morality, Jesus' return & church fellowship

3. Understanding what it says helps me to see that God has something to say to me.

4. Understanding how the letter is written helps me to see that God has something to say to me.

It is a personal book.

It is gentle and caring.

It is simple and basic.

It is personal and direct.

There is an air of expectancy.

## II. Live In The Right Climate: Grace and Faith and Thanksgiving

Grace and Peace were reminders of the usual Greek and Jewish greetings.

This is the climate of Growth!

### III. Build On The Right Foundation: Faith, Hope and Love.

1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Faith produces works.

Love prompts labor.

Hope inspires endurance.