

## ACTS 17

I Thess 1:1 Paul, Silas and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ each other! We have different roles and abilities, and each of us is necessary to God's work. Paul was able to do what he did because he had a \_\_\_\_\_ around him.

Silas, one of the chief men in the church at Jerusalem (Acts 15:22) spent most of his life as second fiddle to Paul and Peter.

I Cor. 12:22-25 (the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable...)

When a thing is done by the cooperation of a great many people, each person is as important as the other, and each plays an indispensable role.

Don't EVER underestimate the power of \_\_\_\_\_!

2. There are different ways to evangelize.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 17:2,3)

1) Reasoned – “dialogue”

Ask God for wisdom to know how to interject Truth into discussions you have every day.

2) Explaining –to cause someone to \_\_\_\_\_

3) Proving – to place alongside another thing; he was setting OT Scriptures about the Messiah alongside the life of Christ, proving that Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ – I Thess. 1:5 – “we lived among you”; 2:8 – “We were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our lives as well.”

3. Doing God's will often leads to persecution. When God moves, the devil does, too. II Tim. 3:12 – everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Sometimes supporting God's people gets YOU in trouble! (Jason) v. 6-9

4. Pray for those who have crossed your path – never cease to pray (I Thess 1:2 – “We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.”)

Paul couldn't physically be with the Thessalonians, but he could pray for them!

So what?

1. Ask God to show you the work He has for YOU this year, and be content with it, and do it to the best of your ability, with His help.

2. Evaluate how you are sharing your faith, and how to personalize your approach.

3. Pray!!

