

# ***The Christian Model***

**Scripture:**

I Thessalonians 1:1-7, note 7

***1 Thessalonians 1:1-7 (NKJV)*** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, 4 knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. 5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

## **Introduction**

### **I. A model of commitment**

***1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NKJV)*** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

#### **A. Work produced by faith**

2041. ergon, er'-gon; from a prim. (but obsol.) ergo (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation); by impl. an act:--deed, doing, labour, work.

#### **B. Labor prompted by love**

2873. kopos, kop'-os; from G2875; a cut, i.e. (by anal.) toil (as reducing the strength), lit. or fig.; by impl. pains:--labour, + trouble, weariness.

#### **C. Endurance inspired by hope**

5281. hupomone, hoop-om-on-ay'; from G5278; cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:--enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

### **II. A model of power**

***1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (NKJV)*** knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. 5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

#### **A. A powerful work of the Holy Spirit**

#### **B. A powerful assurance**

### **III. A model of perseverance**

***1 Thessalonians 1:6 (NKJV)*** And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

#### **A. Imitators of the apostles**

#### **B. Perseverance in suffering**