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LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRIST'S RETURN A STUDY THROUGH 1 THESSALONIANS

#3 The Heart and Methods of a Discippler I I Thessalonians 2:13-20

Discipleship:

Learning to follow Jesus by **IMITATING** others
who are following Jesus.

MARKS AND METHODS OF AN EFFECTIVE DISCIPLER

1. MINISTERING GOD'S WORD - Sharing the Word of God with People and Trusting in its Powerful Working in their Hearts
1 Thessalonians 2:13 *And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.*

2. STRENGTHENING OTHERS' RESOLVE – Encouraging and Emboldening Persecuted Believers by reminding them they are Not Alone in Experiencing Opposition
1 Thessalonians 2:14 *For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered from the Jews, ¹⁵ who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to all men ¹⁶ in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.*

3. HIGHLY VALUING THE RELATIONSHIP – Expressing heartfelt Fondness, Affection, and a Strong Desire to Be Together.

1 Thessalonians 2:17 *But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. ¹⁸ For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us.*

4. INSTILLING AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE – Promoting Future Joy by reminding others that the Spiritual Impact of their lives will Last Forever

1 Thessalonians 2:19 *For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.*

RESPONSE:

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