



1 Thessalonians 2v17 – 3v13

A FRUITFUL HEART

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***Do I love other believers with that same
deep affection?***

1) Paul's Pain



V17: But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you.

1) Paul's Pain



V18: For we wanted to come to you –
certainly I, Paul, did, again and again –
but Satan blocked our way.

1) Paul's Pain



Tempered with hope...

V19-20: 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.

2) Paul's Plan

V1-3: So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. ² We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, ³ so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.



2) Paul's Plan

V5: I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.



2) Paul's Plan

3 steps...



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- 2) Timothy went to strengthen and encourage them (v2)
- 3) Paul asked God to strengthen their hearts (v12-13)

3) Paul's Pleasure



V6: But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you.

3) Paul's Pleasure



V8: For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.

3) Paul's Pleasure



V8: For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.

V9: How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

4) Paul's Prayer



V10: Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

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WHAT?

Completeness

Are you still hungry to grow?

