

2 Thessalonians: Perseverance in Godly Living
(Part 1) Maturing Through Affliction

The _____ of any new church or believer presents a perfect target for those who want to mislead and _____ God's truth

The seeds of _____ doctrine had been sown at Thessalonica, and the people were behaving disorderly.

Some were deceived by _____ teachers who confused them about the Lord's return

Others were _____ to divine commands, particularly by refusing to work.

In his earlier epistle to the Thessalonians, Paul prayed for them

to grow in _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:10)

to increase in _____ (1 Thessalonians 3:12).

(2 Thessalonians 1:1- 12) He now rejoiced that many were doing both (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

(v.1-2) To you who belong to God our Father

(v.3-4) The church had matured and expanded but was _____

They were trying to make _____ of the persecution they faced
_____ and harassment had increased.

Those discouraged by persecution and needed incentive to _____

(v.5-10) Encouragement to _____ until the coming of Christ

(v.5) Suffering for Christ demonstrates the believer's _____ to participate in God's kingdom.

(v.6-9) Justice and rest

Those who refuse to honor God will experience _____ destruction

Those who endure persecution will experience _____

(v.10) Believers will reflect Christ's _____ at His second coming

(v.11-12) A prayer for _____ during persecution

(v.11) To live a life worthy of God's calling

To receive the _____ to accomplish God's will

(v.12) To be honored alongside Christ when he is honored

Paul's comments encourage maintaining a _____ church with an effective testimony

This requires an appropriate response and obedience to God's _____.