



## Life Guide

Applying God's Word to Life

### Stand firm in the Word January 21, 2018

(2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

1. Paul often discussed hard things with his people in the letters he wrote. But he also would pause to thank God and offer encouragement. What can we learn from this in our interactions with the Christians in our lives?
2. Many people, even non-Christians, speak of “being thankful” for people. How is “thanking God” for others different than simply “being thankful”?
3. Why does Paul thank God for the Thessalonians?

4. Pick two Christians who have been important to you in your life of faith. Why do you thank God for them?
5. What blessings do we have because God chose us? Focus on the following words/phrases:
  - Sanctifying work of the Spirit
  - Belief in the truth
  - Gospel
  - Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ
  - Who loved us
  - Grace
  - Eternal encouragement
  - Good hope
6. You cannot stand firm unless you are standing on solid ground. This is common sense. And yet... we stumble. List 3 ways Satan tricks us into giving up the solid ground of God's Word for the shifting sands of this world?
7. The Word of God is the only place you will see the truth about yourself and your God. How so?
8. Agree/Disagree: The best way to get people to live better lives is to make sure they know the law of God very well.
9. Read the following passages:
  - 1 Corinthians 3:5-7
  - Philippians 2:13
  - Psalm 115:1
  - Ephesians 4:7, 11-13
  - Romans 15:17-18
  - 2 Peter 3:18
  - Jude 24

What do you suppose your pastors hope you recall about their service to you and their hope for you in the future?