

ANALYSIS:

1. Paul avoided what snares as he fulfilled God's call to preach the gospel? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What characterized Paul's ministry to the Thessalonians as a nurse? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What characterized Paul's ministry to the Thessalonians as a father? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the sins of the Jews which brought upon them the wrath of God? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Paul say was his hope, joy and crown of rejoicing? \_\_\_\_\_

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Paul was very thankful for the manner in which the Thessalonians received his preaching of the word of God. They did not view the word of God as the word of men. Men may be mistaken, dishonest or deceitful. For these reasons the words of men need to be questioned until proven true in the light of the word of God. Because these Thessalonians received God's word with a willing heart, it produced their conversion from idolatry to knowing and serving the living God.

Today we have many Bible study programs for use on the computer. These greatly speed up our ability to find Bible verses, words, doctrines and subjects. We can more easily and thoroughly follow the example of the saints at Berea who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Do you search and study your Bible?

HELP:

1. Paul avoided using: deceit, uncleanness, guile, as pleasing men, flattering words, a cloak of covetousness, seeking glory of men (vs 3-6).
2. His gentleness, and his cherishing of them (v 7).
3. He exhorted, comforted and charged them (v 11).
4. They killed the Lord Jesus, and their prophets, persecuted the apostles, forbidding the apostles to preach the Lord Jesus (vs 15-16).
5. Knowing that the Thessalonians would be in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at his coming (vs 19-20).