

Living the Living Word

NOW & LATER LIFE~1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-12

MAY 1, 2016

Intro

Mom Like

Parent Like

Dad Like

The people God has me parenting spiritually currently are:

Questions for the Community

**read the passage out loud and pray for God's eye opening presence as you begin*

1. How does the love of a father and mother differ? What is the strength of this?
2. The team mentality really jumps out in this chapter (*we* over *me*). How do we guard against our propensity to put individuals up on pedestals or climbing up there ourselves?
3. Review 1 Corinthians 13 and give examples of the characteristics of love in the life of Jesus. How important is sharing not only the message but living out that truth as well (*see* vs *8*)? How is the gospel maligned when one of these "pedals" is missing?
4. In 1 John 3:16 the apostle says, 'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.' What does it mean to 'lay down our lives for our brothers' in practical terms? How would our daily lives be changed if every Christian put this verse into practice?
5. Parents love and nurture but also instruct and equip. How much harm is caused by parents in the churches who neglect or deny hardship and wickedness? Read ahead in our letter (1 Thess. 3:2-4) How did the people know about coming hardships? Why was it so important for them to know storms were coming?
6. Everyone leans toward one set of parenting traits and away from others. As a Christian concerned with our call to make disciples, what specifically are you doing to grow up and remain faithful as a spiritual parent. Confess and ask for prayer in areas that you are weak in. Let others speak truth into one another's lives out loud by way of encouragement/exhortation.