

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

2 Thess 1:11-12

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 2 Thess 1:11-12.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined>. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

11a To this end also we pray

11b for you

11c always,

11d that our God will count you worthy of your calling,

11e and fulfill every desire

11f for goodness

11g and the work of faith with power,

12a so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified

12b in you,

12c and you in Him,

12d according to the grace

12e of our God

12f and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

1. What did Paul address in the previous section?

2. How is this section (11-12) related to the previous section?

3. How do 11b and c describe Paul's prayers for the Thessalonians?

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4. How would these modifiers have encouraged the Thessalonians?

5. How do they inform your prayer life?

❖ Day 2

Read 2 Thess 1:11-12 again.

6. What does Paul pray for them?

7. What does it mean that “God will count you worthy”?

8. Where does the word “worthy” show up previously in the context? What was its meaning there?

9. In light of v. 5, what is Paul praying for here?

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10. How does this inform your prayers for believers in suffering and persecution?

11. Is 11e some kind of prosperity gospel promise? How do you know?

12. What does 11e-g presuppose about the desires of the Thessalonians?

13. What is goodness? How does the context of the book help us?

14. What is “the work of faith with power”? Where has Paul addressed faith already in this letter?
How does that inform what he means here?

15. How is power related to faith here? Why would the Thessalonians need power?

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❖ Day 3

Read 2 Thess 1:11-12 again.

16. Why does Paul pray this for the Thessalonians?

17. How is 12a the aim of all prayer and all of life?

18. What is going on in 12b/c? What does Paul mean by saying that the name of Jesus is to be glorified “in you and you in Him”?

19. What is the relationship between 12d and the rest of v. 12?

20. How should this prayer shape your prayers for SWBC?

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21. Spend time praying this way for SWBC.