Establishing Others in the Faith

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I. Introduction.

A. 1 Thessalonians 2:13.

B. Words are important and can change us.

C. We are encouraged by many kinds of words.

D. The Word of God works in believers. (2 Timothy 2:15)

E. We want to become established in the Word, prayer and obedience.

II. What the Word had done for the Thessalonians.

A. They had become followers of the Word and God.

B. They spread the Word themselves.

C. They suffered much.

D. They became established in the faith.

E. Their hearts were being established for Christ’s Coming.

F. They were encouraged concerning His Coming.

III. Special blessings concerning God’s Word.

A. There was a special anointing for the one reading the Bible and putting it into practice. (Revelation 1:3)

B. There is blessing for the Word put into practice. (Psalm 1:2-3)

C. The man who practices the Word will be successful in his walk in Christ.

D. We should be planted by the Word so that we can be established.

E. We grow by the Word as new Christians. (1 Peter, Hebrews 5:12)

1. We always need the Word, but we need to advance in it. We have to use the Word to make application in our lives. (1 Corinthians 3)

2. Christians are established by somebody using the Bible.

3. Soon after a person comes to the Lord he needs someone to come along side of him.
4. Young men overcome the wicked one by the Word of God. (1 John 2:14, Psalm 119:111)

5. Do not put yourself in a position to sin. (1 Thessalonians 5)


V. We should be established in prayer. (Luke 11:1)

A. When you pray, say.

B. Ask in Christ’s name. (John 16:24, Matthew 20:8)

C. When you get to the end of your rope, turn to Christ and give Him your burden. (Deuteronomy 22:10)

D. Pray in faith. (Matthew 21:22)

E. Keep timing in mind. (Hebrews 10:25)

F. Ask according to His will. (1 John 5:14-15)

G. Ask according to the Word of God. (John 15:7)

H. Prayer is communion with God initiated by Him. (Luke 18:1, Matthew 7:11)

I. Put your burden before God whatever it is.

J. Develop the ministry of prayer.

VI. Make obedience a way of life.

A. We should not ask how far we can go with sin.

B. Obedience is a prerequisite to further life. (John 14:21, Mark 4:24-25)

C. If we put into practice what we hear, we will gain some more. (Deuteronomy 4:9)

D. If we teach and do not practice, we will be like the hypocrites. (Matthew 23:1)

VII. Conclusion.

A. Make a plan to become saturated with the Word.

B. Becoming established in prayer takes practice.

C. Become established in obedience - our progress in life is proportional to our obedience.
Application questions

1. What are the consequences of putting the Word into practice?
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2. What does a healthy prayer life look like?
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3. What is your plan to establish the Word in your life? Write one down and be specific.
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