

DAY 1

Confess Setbacks & Victories | Learn | Adjust

What do you need to give to God today? What do you want to thank Him for?

Read | Listen | Apply | Change - 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

What did God impress on you in this passage? How could it benefit you if you put it into practice?

Paul shares a few qualities about the Thessalonians. Explain if these describe you, and if not, what are you going to do about it.

Chosen by God V4 -

Imitators of Jesus V6 -

Their faith is known everywhere V8 -

They turned from idols to serving God V9 -

Purity Principle | Thought

People were asked what they would do for **\$10,000,000**. The answers were shocking! Of those questioned, **28%** would abandon their families; **23%** said they would become a prostitute for a week; **7%** said they would kill a stranger. It seems some people are willing to forfeit their souls for the right amount of money.

Or will they? I've asked 1,000's of men if they would sell their **salvation for \$10,000,000** and I have had no takers. In the studies, people are weighing the benefit versus the cost. The 28% of people probably didn't have great families. The 23% may have thought they've slept with so many people already what's one more week. Perhaps the 7% thought they could get away with it. What would you do for **\$10,000,000**? Would you give up two years of **sexual sobriety**?

These people are thinking only about their **life now and not about eternal consequences**. You and I do this everyday. We're constantly weighing the cost of our decisions versus the benefits. **But do you think about:** 1) the eternal cost of your choices 2) the damage done to your soul 3) the consequences God may or may not fix 4) sinning now because God will forgive you later?

How valuable is your salvation to you? Your wife? Your soul? Does the Gospel change how you live? Describe what you would be willing to do if you had to **earn** your salvation?

Reflect on: Psalm 139:1-4 God is aware of our every thought, breath, and motive!
"You have searched me, Lord, and **You know me**. 2 **You know** when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; **You are familiar with all my ways**. 4 Before a word is on my tongue You, Lord, know it completely."
Think about it...

Ask God to create in you a clean heart that hates evil and loves righteousness

DAY 6

Confess | Learn Today | Adjust for Tomorrow

"Blessed is the man who doesn't walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way of sinners..." Psalm 1:1 **"Bad company corrupts good morals."** 1 Corinthians 15:33 Ask God to draw men to you who could help you grow stronger in your faith as you become a **man of integrity**. What can you learn from your week? Are there any relationships that are having a bad influence on you?

Read | Listen | Apply | Change - 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

What is God saying to you in 2 Thessalonians today? How can this passage of scripture help you navigate life?

Reflection Verse: 2 Timothy 2:20-22

If a man cleanses himself, then what?
*"In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for **special purposes** and some for **common use**. 21 **If a man** cleanses himself from the latter **he will be** an instrument for noble purposes, **made holy, useful to the Master** and prepared to do any good work. 22 **Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness...**"*

Prayer

God, **I am humbled** that You have chosen me to be your child knowing all the good, bad and ugly things I have done in my life. It blows my mind! I can't get my brain around it. What grace! What mercy! Lord, **I am so grateful** and so thankful!

Today, help me to make choices that please You and are motivated by Your love for me. I am so excited to see heaven, the angels, the new earth, and especially You. Thanks for dying on the cross for me, choosing me, and for loving me. In the power of Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Idle Time Statement

Today's reading discusses **idle time**. How do you handle your **idle time**? HOW is He with you in these moments? Ask God to help you form a **written statement** to view in these times.

Summarize Your Week

What are the "Top 2 or 3 things" God was teaching you this week through the Revive40 recovery work. Share these with your R40 team this week!

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- 2.
- 3.

DAY 5

Confess I Learn I Adjust

“You know everything I do.” Psalm 139:3 NLT Focus on living a life that you’re proud of knowing that God sees everything you do. Does anything need to change?

Read I Hear I Reflect I Apply I Change - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

What did you hear God saying to you personally in this passage? **Reflect on this.**

What steps can you take to apply today’s Word to your life? How could it help your recovery?

Purity Principle I Quote I Thought

“**Failure is the pathway to success.**” This quote from Thomas Edison speaks great truth. Our failures, mistakes, and poor decisions drive us to God! Our cry should be, “**Show me, God, what I can do differently next time.**” Ask Him what you need to do to break sinful, sexual patterns. He has the answers! Seek Him! Search His Word. He’s better than Google!

You’re not a failure, but you have failed. We all have many times! Hopefully, you’re doing the **Confess I Learn I Adjust** step daily in each devotional at the top of the page. It’s important to take time daily to **learn from your mistakes and celebrate your victories** so you’re experiencing real change. Your life is a journey to heaven. The path that takes you there may be fairly smooth or very bumpy. Describe what God’s been teaching you and what your path has been like over the last week or month.

Reflection Verse: Revelation 3:21 An amazing truth! Let’s be overcomers!

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me (Jesus) on My throne, just as I overcame. and sat down with my Father on His throne.

The Overcomer’s Experience

Ask God what it will be like to meet Jesus face to face. As the song “I Can Only Image” says, “**What will my heart feel? Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of you be still? Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees, will I fall?... I can only imagine!**” Write a note to Jesus about how you think you will react and what you will want to say to Him the first time you meet Him.

DAY 2

Confess Setbacks I Learn I Adjust - This must become a daily habit!

How did you live yesterday? Any setbacks to confess or any victories to celebrate? What can you learn from either of these? Make adjustments if necessary.

Read I Listen I Apply - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

This is a key recovery chapter. It describes how to live in order to be pleasing to God. Then, it ends with Jesus’ return. How did the Word of God speak to you today?

How would applying these scriptures eventually change your life ?

Be With God - Talk I Listen I Journal

God teaches us how to live a life that pleases Him in V1-8. Listed below are other Scriptural principles from this passage that instruct us in holy living. Ask God what each of them mean to you personally. It’s God’s will that you should:

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| 1. be sanctified | 4. live a pure life |
| 2. abstain from sexual immorality | 5. love each other more & more |
| 3. learn to control your body in a holy way | 6. lead a quiet life. |

Summarize what He said to you?

Reflection Verse - 1 Thessalonians 2:13 - Linger on this verse for a while today!

*“We thank God for you continually because when you received the Word of God... you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the **Word of God, which is at work in you.**”*

This verse helps us realize the **Word of God** is written to be a manual on how to get the most out of this life. Then, as you listen & read it, God promises that **it is at work in you!** It is doing something in you that you can’t see! It changes you because the **Word is God** (John 1:1). I hope you see the importance of being in the **WORD**. Eat it like food and nourish your soul!

Purity Principle / Quote / Thought

John Locke, a philosopher, stated, “The actions of men are the best interpretation of their thoughts.” The best way to change your behavior is to: 1) Want to change 2) Work on the transformation of your mind by meditating on Identity Scriptures 3) Make decisions based on your identity as a Christian man 4) Build relationships with people that’ll help you become the person you want to be 5) Continually think and talk to God about forming you into His image.

Long before John Locke was born, God wrote in Proverbs 23:7 that “*a man becomes what he thinks about.*” **What are your actions saying about your thoughts?** Think about your actions in all areas of life not just your sexual behavior, e.g., with your wife, when you’re alone, at work, etc.

Here are a few simple things to let your mind dwell on:

You are: 1) a man of God 2) a man called by God 3) a man loved by God!

DAY 3

Confess Wrongs and Victories / Learn from Them / Adjust

*“My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to hear your words, but they do not put them into **practice**.”* Ezekiel 33:31 Is God’s Word changing the way you live? Do you believe you’re putting into practice what you are learning? Explain:

Read & Listen - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-24

What did God say to you in this passage?

What steps can you take to APPLY this to your life? How could it help you in life & recovery?

Purity Principle I Quote I Thought

Beatle John Lennon said, **“Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.”** Isn’t that true! Stuff always seems to sidetrack us. Seek God constantly about what He wants you to do in the **moment**. This is called **walking in the Holy Spirit**. He is your GPS!

Frequently our plans get changed and our expectations aren’t met. In these moments, God is often trying to teach us how to run to Him for comfort instead of our addictions. **Learning to do this consistently is a process that is learned. It doesn’t happen by chance!**

Can you think of a time recently when your **expectations** haven’t been met? How can you **prepare for unmet expectations?** How can this help you in your recovery?

Reflect on: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19, 21

This is God’s will and design for a life of joy!
*Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; this is **God’s will** for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Don’t put out the Spirit’s fire... 21 hold on to what’s good, 22 avoid every kind of evil.*

The Holy Word of God

Talk to Him about the verses below from today’s reading:

V16-18 - **“Be Joyful** always, **Pray** continually, give **Thanks** in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you.” Which one of these do you need to work on and why?

V19 - **“Do not put out the Spirit’s fire.”** If you have done this, how can you relight the Spirit’s fire? (This doesn’t mean you have lost your salvation.)

V22 - **“Avoid (or abstain) from every kind of evil (or even the appearance of evil).”** How committed are you to living out this scripture? Do you have a plan on how you will do this?

DAY 4

Confess I Learn I Adjust

David asked God to show him where he needed to adjust. *“Search me God... 24... lead me in the way...”* Psalm 139:23-24 How is God leading you after He searched your heart today?

Read I Listen I Apply I Change - 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

How did God prompt you as you read 2 Thessalonians?

How can you implement what He impressed on you while reading the Word today?

Purity Principle I Quote I Thought I Pray

Bill Keane, creator of the the cartoon “Family Circle” stated, **“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift from God, which is why we call it the present.”** This is God’s prescribed way to live life in Philippians 3:13, *“Forgetting what is behind...”* What’s behind is already history. It shouldn’t control your tomorrows. Let God use it to teach you.

Matthew 6:34 tells us to focus on today because tomorrow will have its own troubles. We’re not to worry about how we will do anything for a lifetime. **Live today** serving the One who created each day and lives inside you to give you the power to carry out His plan.

Regarding tomorrow, He says in Lamentations, *“His mercies are new every morning.”* Wow, God covered all the bases. Everyday is a present to us. **Do you realize the importance of each moment, each choice?** Write a note of gratitude to God for being with you each day:

Reflect on Paul’s Prayer: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Why did God call you?
*“We constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of **His calling**, and that by **His power** He may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every deed prompted by your faith. 12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be **glorified in you, and you in Him**, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Seek God’s Presence not His Presents

Meet with him and bask in His love. Read again Paul’s prayer above. Ask God how His power can help you as you walk a life of faith. Write down what He impresses on you: