

**Series: Got Journey?**  
**Message: Our *Affirmation of Service***  
**Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-4:12 (AM 1/22/17)**

Paul *planted* and *pastored* the new Church at Thessalonica. He was passionate about their welfare, as a *father*, his children (2:11). While Paul was forced to prematurely leave the flock, he sent Timothy to *nurture* them further in the faith. Paul describes his protégé's *equipping* ministry and his *expectations* for the fledgling congregation. Paul's personal words in chapters 3 and 4 wonderfully describe the attributes of a *faithful servant* in the Body of Christ.

On *Serving Others* Sunday, may we take *inventory* of our role as a *minister* in His Church. Remember, Scripturally *every member is a minister* (Eph 4:12).

**1<sup>st</sup> Established in the *Word* (1-5) “Establish & encourage you in the faith...”**

- Servants are *growing*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Engaged in the *Walk* (6-7) “Brought us good news of your faith...”**

- Servants are on the *Journey*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Enamored in the *Way* (8) “If you stand fast in the Lord...”**

- Servants are *influencers*

**4<sup>th</sup> Equipped for the *Work* (9-10) “May...perfect what is lacking in your faith”**

- Servants are *discovering*

**5<sup>th</sup> Entrusted as His *Witness* (11-12) “Abound in love to one another & to all”**

- Servants are *loving*

**6<sup>th</sup> Enlightened to the *Warfare* (13-4:8) “You ought to walk & please God...”**

- Servants are in the *fight*

**7<sup>th</sup> Employed in the *Work* (4:9-12) “You may walk properly toward those...”**

- Servants are *servicing*

**Application to Life:** Today, we are enjoying this worship experience because scores of devoted servants embraced their role as ministers, sacrificing their time, talents, and treasures. Paul enumerates the qualities of a servant in today's text. Have you *evaluated* your walk today? We *Love and Share* to equip us to *Serve Others* through His Body. Are you *gainfully employed* for His Glory as a minister in the Body at Canaan? If you're ready to begin serving or go deeper in ministry, fill out the insert so “*You may walk properly toward those (inside) and outside and you may lack nothing...*” (4:12)