


# **“The Thessalonians Were Exemplary” (1Thessalonians 1:6-10)**

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1. (vs. 6) The difference in their lives: They “became imitators of us and of the Lord,” &  
➤ it happened in difficult times; “having received the word in much tribulation,” but notice that it was still “with the joy of the Holy Spirit,”



2. (vs. 7) The result of proper imitation was that they, “became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.”

- It is extremely important whom we imitate.
- We all share that concern re: our children!







B. They were exemplary in sounding forth the word (1Th. 1:8).

1. Paul here is confirming the wide influence of the testimony of the Thessalonians: “For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia,” locations relatively nearby,
2. “but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth” – more remote areas.




3. People most everywhere had heard of their faith;

➤ “so that we have no need to say anything.”

Paul didn't need to give a missionary report on this church.

**C. Their good example resounded back to Paul (1Th. 1:9-10).**

- 1. (vs. 9a) Paul can verify what he said in vs. 8 from the reports from other areas; “For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, meaning that they let the Word have its full effect, not only in salvation, but beyond in Christian living;**
- 2. (vs. 9b) “and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,”**

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3. (vs. 10a) While they were serving, they were also waiting, “for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus,” and it is He,
  4. (vs. 10b) “who rescues us from the wrath to come,” that is, the tribulation period.