

# I Thessalonians 1:5-10

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Thessalonians 1:5-10.

B. First Thessalonians was Paul's first letter.

## II. If one wants to have a ministry that reaches out to others, one has to share the gospel in power.

A. The message we carry has tremendous power. (II Timothy 1:7, I Corinthians 2:1-5, I Peter 1:23, Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8)

B. We can never know the right time because we do not know how the Spirit will work. (Ecclesiastes 11:4-8)

C. The greatest way to evangelize is through relationship, but this should not be an excuse.

## III. One must set the example for others. (I Timothy 4:12, I Peter 5:3, II Corinthians 4:15-17, Philippians 3:17, 4:9)

A. In word. (Proverbs 12:18, Ephesians 4:29, James 4, Psalm 141:3)

B. In life.

C. In love. (I John 3:16)

D. In faith.

### **Application questions:**

1. Why should even a timid person be able to share the gospel?

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2. How would you respond to the person who says he will only evangelize through relationships?

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3. Which of the four ways to set an example will you commit yourself to growing in this week? What can you do that is both practical and provable?

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