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Imitating Christ – Part 1 1 Thessalonians 1:3







Elements of Prayer:

Confession
Adoration
Thanksgiving
Intercession for others
Petition for self

- 1 Thess. 1:2, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,
- 1 Thess. 1:3, "remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,
- 1 Thess. 1:4, "knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God."

Prayer Priorities: Petition

Romans 1:10, "making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you."

1 Thess. 1:3, "remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,"

1 Thess. 1:3, "remembering without ceasing your work generated by your faith, labor motivated by your love for God and one another, and perserverance produced by your confident expectation in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,"

1 Cor. 13:13, "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

2 Cor. 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Spiritual Childhood (tevknon, *teknon*) FAITH: Learning to trust God daily.

G/O, 2 Pet. 3:18 D/O, 2 Pet. 3:18

Confess, 1 John 1:9

FRD, FHS, WHS, 2 Pet. 1:3, 4 Eph. 5:18

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Rom. 5:3, "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

Rom. 5:4, "and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Rom. 5:5, "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Romans 5:3–5 Spiritual Growth

HOPE

"Confident expectation" ejlpiς, *elpis*

Tribulations
Pressure, adversity
Θλιψις, thlipsis

Proven character "Proof, evidence of demonstrated integrity" Dokimazw, dokimazo

Perserverance
"Sticking with it"
JuJpomonh, hupomone

Spiritual Adolescence (neanivskoi, *neaniskoi*, 1 John 2:13) HOPE: focus on the future

Personal Sense of Your Eternal Destiny

Rom. 8:16-17

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Confess, 1 John 1:9 FRD, FHS, WHS, 2 Pet. 1:3, 4 Eph. 5:18 Matt. 22:37, "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' " (cf., Deut. 6:5)

1 John 2:5, "But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him."

John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Rom. 8:24, "For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

Rom. 8:25, "But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance."

Spiritual Adults (uiJoi;, huioi, adult sons, Rom. 8:14)

LOVE: toward God, toward others

PLG, **Rom. 5:5** ILM, Gal. 5:14 O/C, **Heb. 2:2** +H, James 1:2

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