

A Life Worth Living
Part One: For the Glory of God
2 Thessalonians 1
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1. One of the greatest compliments for a Christian is that he or she is growing spiritually– 1:1-3

- In faith – an increasing knowledge of God’s Word that produces confident obedience.
- In love – an increasing understanding of our relationship with believers that produces edifying behavior.

2. Even during the worst circumstances, spiritual growth can occur – 1:4

- We can learn to endure – using trouble as an opportunity to do right, not as an excuse to disobey God.
- We can have faith – trust in God’s character, even though we don’t understand what’s happening to us.

3. Regardless of how unfair life may seem, God is just – 1:5-10

- His justice will not be fully revealed until Jesus returns.
- At that time He will punish those who reject Him, and reward those who believe.

4. In everything, God is working in believers’ lives so they will glorify Him – 1:10-12

- When Jesus returns:
 - We will be visible testimony to His greatness.
 - We will recognize how exceptional He is.
- Until Jesus returns, we make certain that:
 - We’re among the “glorifiers” – Romans 1:20-21; 2 Peter 1:10
 - We want what is good.
 - We live by faith.