

# Paul's Burden for the Church

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1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:9

*"...I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)*

## 1.) Paul and his Coworkers Had an Earnest Desire To Go to the Thessalonians Because...(2:17-20)

*Read 2:17-18*

*"Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea" (Acts 17:10)*

*Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7, 11.*

*Read 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20*

## 2.) ...Of the Real Danger to Their Faith...(2:18b; 3:5b)

*"In this spiritual warfare, Satan is hardly an omnipotent adversary. But he is a real adversary." –*

*Gene Green*

## 3.) ...Provoking Unbearable Concern...(3:1, 5)

*"28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.*

*29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?" (2 Corinthians 11:28-29)*

*Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1, 5.*

*"The possibility of apostasy was a clear and present danger." –Gene Green*

**4.) ...That Compelled Concrete Action...(3:1-2, 5)**

*Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-3, 5.*

**5.) ...Which Led to a Timely Comfort...(3:6-8)**

*Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-8*

**6.) ...Which Impelled Profound Thanksgiving. (3:9)**

*Read 1 Thessalonians 3:9*