

## sermon notes

### **A Faithful, Effective Ambassador for the Lord and for Paul 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 — April 14, 2024**

introduction: The President of the United States appoints ambassadors to other countries to represent him and represent America. When Paul couldn't get back to Thessalonica as he wished, he sent Timothy as his ambassador.

1. Be devoted to establishing and \_\_\_\_\_ encouraging \_\_\_\_\_ others in their faith (1Thessalonians 3:1-2).

supporting Scriptures: Philippians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:9  
Acts 9:6; Hebrews 3:13

2. Troubles in life are to be \_\_\_ expected \_\_\_ (1 Thessalonians 3:3-4).

supporting Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:8-9  
John 16:33; Acts 9:15-16

personal encouragement: God overrules \_\_\_\_\_ troubles \_\_\_\_\_ and uses them to help us grow spiritually. Keep trusting Him.

supporting Scriptures: James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 1 Peter 5:10-11  
Acts 8:1, 4

3. Satan \_\_\_\_\_ tempts \_\_\_\_\_ us to sin and turn away from God (1 Thessalonians 3:5).

supporting Scriptures: Genesis 3:1-6; Matthew 4:1-11  
Acts 5:3; 2 Corinthians 11:13-14  
Ephesians 4:26-27; John 8:44

personal application: Use the \_\_\_\_\_ sword \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit — specific statements in the word of God — to resist temptation (Ephesians 6:17; Psalm 119:11).

concluding personal application: You are an \_\_\_\_\_ ambassador \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ if you are saved (2 Corinthians 5:18, 20).