

Sermon Title: The Picture of a Consistent Concern, Part 2

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10

Sermon Purpose: To call the church to a mutual love and concern for one another.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 foundations of a biblical mutual concern for one another.

Introduction:

- I. The Pastor's concern is fortified by the believer's faithfulness. Vv. 6-8**
- II. The Pastor's celebration is fulfilled by the believer's faithfulness. V. 9**
- III. The Pastor's conversation is focused by the believer's faithfulness. V. 10**

I. The Pastor's concern is fortified by the believer's faithfulness. Vv. 6-8

A. There is the mutual trust in God. V.6a

Strong faith and trust in God is reflected by giving forth an excellent testimony.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Ephesians 6:16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

B. There is the mutual loving response to one another. V.6b (**Philippians 2:1-4**)

James 2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

C. There is the mutual defeat of Satan's schemes. V. 7

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

D. There is the mutual steadfastness in the face of affliction. V.8

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal 6:2 NKJ)

Hebrews 13:3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them-- those who are mistreated-- since you yourselves are in the body also.

II. The Pastor's celebration is fulfilled by the believer's faithfulness. V. 9

A. The joy is a result of the memberships growing and walking in truth. V.9a

2 Corinthians 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

1 Peter 1:7-9 that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, **8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, **9** receiving the end of your faith-- the salvation of *your* souls.

B. The joy is a result of the membership's worship of God with thanksgiving and rejoicing. V.9b

III. The Pastor's conversation is focused by the believer's faithfulness. V. 10

A. The frequency of prayer reflects the Pastor's and membership's concern. V.10a

B. The fergency of prayer reflects the Pastor's and membership concerns. V.10b
Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

C. The format of prayer reflects the Pastor's and membership concerns.
Deals with areas of lack or weaknesses where growth is needed. (**Chapter 4 & 5**)

1. Sanctification and sexual purity (**Chapters 4:1-8**)

2. Complacency in love and work. (**Chapter 4:9-12**)

3. The rapture of the dead and living Christians (**Chapter 4:13-18**)

4. The Day of the Lord (**Chapter 5:1-11**)

5. Practical Christian living (**Chapter 5:12-22**)