

## **A Passion for People**

### *A Call to Spiritual Reformation, Week 5*

#### **Chapter 5 Overview**

##### I. Paul's Prayer: A Product of Passion for People (79-85)

1. Paul's prayer arises out of his intense longing to be with the Thessalonians
2. Paul's prayer arises out of passionate affection that seeks the good of others – not their praise, gratitude, acceptance, and still less some sense of professional self-fulfillment
3. Paul's prayer springs from unaffected delight at reports of the Thessalonians' faith, love, perseverance, and strength.

##### II. Paul's Prayer: A Continuing Passion for People (85-94)

1. Paul prays with rich thankfulness for the people of God (3:9)
2. Paul prays that he might be able to strengthen these believers (3:10-11)
3. Paul prays that there might be an overflow of love among these believers (3:12)
4. Paul prays that these believers will be so strengthened in heart that they will be blameless and holy when the end comes (3:13)

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. In what ways does Paul's prayer in 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 show his passion for people?
2. Set yourself the task of faithfully praying for a Christian (or Christians) for whom you do not now pray. After you have been at it a few months, tell the person you are going so-and then keep on doing so

3. According to this passage, what is Paul's source of joy? What is yours? How is our source of joy likely to be related to what we pray for?