



An Energetic Church

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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- A mighty church is an energetic church.
- Paul praises the church in Thessalonica for being an energetic church because of their activity, their work, and their deeds.
- When your labor is motivated by love it does not feel like work.
- We are all called to work until Christ comes again.

An Elect Church



- A mighty church is an elect church.
- Paul reminded the Thessalonians of their status as God's "chosen" ones.
- Unconditional election is the belief that we chose God because He chose us.
- Conditional election is the belief that God chose us because we chose Him.
- God chose us to be His people ought to inspire gratitude.
- To be chosen by God means we are His first choice and His best choice.
- Embrace your election by God and let it empower you to be the person He chose you to be.

An Evangelistic Church



- A mighty church is an evangelistic church.
- One important work of the church is sharing the gospel.
- The Christians in Thessalonica were constantly sharing their faith and sharing Jesus.
- 25% of unchurched Americans say that they would attend church if a friend would make the effort to invite them.
- If a church isn't growing, it's dying.

An Expectant Church

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- Finally, a mighty church is an expectant church.
- The Thessalonians spent their lives with an eye on the clouds and ear for the trumpet.
- The return of Jesus is a vital part of God's redemptive plan for humanity.
- The hope of Jesus' return carried the Thessalonian church through troublesome times and spurred them on to even more loving deeds and works of faith.

Conclusion

- We may never be the perfect church, but we can be an energetic church, an elect church, an evangelistic church, and an expectant church.
- We may not be a perfect church, but we might just be a mighty church!

