

**HOW TO THANK GOD FOR WHAT HE IS DOING IN OTHERS' LIVES
ESPECIALLY IN THE LIVES OF THOSE YOU HAVE MINISTERED TO
(1 Thessalonians 1:2-4)**

What is a type?

Is DBC a Working Church?

What is the ideal growth process for believers? 1) __aved 2) __tudent 3) __ervant

A. The ELEMENTS for Giving Thanks for Others. “We give thanks...” (1:2-4)

1. The *who* was _____. “We...” (1:2a)

Do you take time to meet with believers and pray for other believers?

2. The *purpose* of the prayer was to _____. “...give thanks” (1:2a)

When you think of others, do you frequently, voluntarily, and personally give thanks for the grace of God in their life?

3. The *direction* of the prayer was _____. “...to God” (1:2a)

Why should our thanks go to God?

4. The *frequency* of the prayer was _____. “...always” (1:2a, 1 Th 5:17)

Did Paul pray non-stop?

5. The *subject(s)* of the prayer was _____. “...for you all,” (1:2b)

Do you pray for those who compose your local church?

6. The *manner* of the thanksgiving was “...making mention of you _____.” (1:2b)

What does this teach us about prayer for others?

B. The STIMULUS for Giving Thanks for Others Involved “...remembering without ceasing...” (1:3)

1. your *work* produced through _____? “...*work of faith*,” (1:3b)

What is the “work of faith” referring to?

2. your *labor* motivated by _____. “...*your labor of love*,” (1:3c)

What is the “labor of love” referring to?

3. your *endurance* encouraged by _____. “... *and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father*,” (1:3d)

Why is “patience of hope” connected to Jesus Christ and God the Father?

C. The CAUSE for Giving Thanks for Others Involved “...knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.” (1:4-10)

1. Divine election is indicated by the phrase _____. “...*brethren*” (1:4b)
2. Divine election involves being a special object of God’s _____. “...*beloved brethren*” (1:4b)
3. Divine election consists of a _____ of you by God. “...*your election by God*” (1:4c)
4. Divine election is not inconsistent with _____ and _____ the Gospel. (1:5-10)

How does this apply to you?