

[To the church in Thessalonica], you have become an **EXAMPLE** to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia. And now the word of the Lord is **RINGING OUT** from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God.

1 Thessalonians 1:7

Paul and Silas then traveled through the towns of Amphipolis and Apollonia and came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.

Acts 17:1

As was Paul's custom, he went to the synagogue service, and for three Sabbaths in a row he used the Scriptures to reason with the people. He explained the prophecies and proved that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead. He said, "This Jesus I'm telling you about is the Messiah." Some of the Jews who listened were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with many God-fearing Greek men and quite a few prominent women. But some of the Jews were jealous, so they gathered some troublemakers from the marketplace to form a mob and start a riot.

Acts 17:2-5

[The riotous mob] attacked the home of Jason, searching for Paul and Silas so they could drag them out to the crowd. Not finding them there, they dragged out Jason and some of the other believers instead and took them before the city council.

Acts 17:5-6

Consumer Christianity

“My secret is that I want to be relevant and popular. I want my desires fulfilled, my pain minimized. I want a manageable relationship with an institution rather than messy relationships with real people. I want to be transformed into the image of Christ by showing up at entertaining events rather than through the hard work of discipline. I want to wear my faith on my sleeve and not look at the darkness in my heart. And above all I want a controllable God. I want a divine commodity to do my will on earth, as well as in heaven.”

-Ski Jethani

[Standing before the city council, the mob shouted,] “Paul and Silas have caused trouble all over the world, and now they are here disturbing our city, too. And Jason has welcomed them into his home. They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus.” The people of the city, as well as the city council, were thrown into turmoil by these reports. So the officials forced Jason and the other believers to post bond, and then they released them. That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas to Berea.

Acts 17:6-10

[Paul and Silas went to Berea.] When they arrived there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message....But when some Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God in Berea, they went there and stirred up trouble.

Acts 17:10-13

**The believers acted at once, sending Paul on to the coast,
while Silas and Timothy remained behind.**

Acts 17:14

Consumer Christianity
vs.
Exemplary Christianity

As we pray to our God and Father about y'all, we think of y'all's work
of **faith** and labor of **love** and steadfastness of **hope**
in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3

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1 Thessalonians 1:3

Two Lies Consumer Christians Believe

- 1. You can sin without consequence.**
- 2. You can obey without commitment.**

For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols **[WORK OF FAITH]**, to serve a living and true God **[LABOR OF LOVE]**, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming **[STEADFASTNESS OF HOPE]**.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

As a result, y'all have become an **EXAMPLE** to all the believers in ~~Greece~~
Louisville—throughout both ~~Macedonia and Achaia~~ **Kentucky**
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1 Louisvillians 1:7

Move

LEVEL 1
"INITIAL"

LEVEL 2
"CONSISTENT"

LEVEL 3
"INTENTIONAL"

GENEROSITY

ONE-TIME
GIFT

GIVE
A PREDETERMINED
% REGULARLY

GIVE 10%
OR MORE

SERVANTHOOD

ONE-TIME
SERVE EVENT

JOIN
A SERVE TEAM
FOR A TRIAL PERIOD

ANNUAL COMMITMENT
TO SERVE TEAM

COMMUNITY

ONE-TIME LARGE
GROUP EVENT

SHORT-TERM
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

JOIN
A COMMUNITY GROUP