



- E. Besides your actual children, for whom do you feel a special spiritual affection and concern (like a mother or father)? What caused you to start investing in them? Has anyone ever been a “spiritual parent” to you?
- F. What does this passage tell us about how we might serve and minister to our own children or other close relatives we care about?
- G. How did receiving Paul’s message as the word of God (verse 13) help these believers through the inevitable persecution they faced?

Application of Scripture:

- A. Who comes to mind as a person you might help with their spiritual growth?
- B. Think of the characteristics of a faithful Christian given in this passage. Which do you seem to possess? Which do you want to develop?