

# Anticipation

## Living In Light Of Eternity

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#### **Paul's Description of Prayer:**

Paul's prayers are frequent.

Paul's prayers are fervent.

Paul prays that he can see them.

Paul prays that he can add what is lacking in their faith.

#### **Paul's Prayer:**

Paul prays for the opportunity to visit.

Paul prays that their love for others would increase.

Paul prays that, as we walk in love, we will be established in holiness.

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#### Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What does Paul's desire to "supply what is lacking in your faith" reveal about his understanding of spiritual growth?
2. How can we adopt a similar concern for the growth of others in our church or community?
3. Paul prayed "night and day" for the Thessalonians. What does this teach us about the role of prayer in spiritual relationships?
4. In verse 12, Paul asks the Lord to make their love "increase and abound." What might it look like for love to overflow in a church today?
5. Why is it important for Christian love to extend beyond the immediate church community?
6. How does Paul's example challenge the way we usually pray for others? What adjustments could you make to your own prayer life to reflect his priorities?
7. How are love and holiness connected in the Christian life?
8. Paul's prayer focuses on being prepared for the return of Christ. How can we live each day in light of that hope?
9. Who in your life needs encouragement in their faith, and how can you begin to pray for them like Paul did for the Thessalonians?