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Protocol is thinking with love, heart and practicality.

Do not ever second-guess yourself.

Every time you stand up before people you've got to be great!

If you're a teacher it is a constant process; you have to be hot all of the time constantly preparing for when you are before God's people.

You must become mature enough to be ahead of the adversary not living in crisis situation after crisis situation.

The real big spectacular miracles are not always the way God wants us to work.

Twigs should be quick, keep people at a fever pitch not dragging it out.

Walter Cummins

When Dr. started Corps nights the first half was always doctrinal teaching.

Teaching is a vision of what the people will need down the road.

The keys to learning:

Mental receptivity

Do not rely upon your notes

Learn to rest when you can rest

Mentally and physically

It is the teacher's responsibility to teach

It is your responsibility to learn

You have to be willing to do the physical along with the spiritual or you will never amount to much.

The opening:

I Thessalonians 1:1-5

Silvanus – always called this in the church epistles.

Silvanos – is his Greek name

Silounas – is his Pasheta name

Shila – is his Hebrew/Semitic name (used in the book of Acts)

Silas – is the shortened Greek name (used in the book of Acts)

By birth he was Semitic so his given name was Shila.

He was first mentioned in Acts 15:22 where he is called a chief man.

Hegeomai – chief – to lead

Acts 15:32 - he is called a prophet

I Thessalonians 2:6 – he is called an apostle

Acts 16:32 – he is called a Judean and a Roman citizen

During his travels with Paul, it was Timothy that was just a boy and Paul and Silas were the elders the leaders.

The second itinerary of Paul

They were all at Antioch, Peter, Paul, Silas, John, Mark and Barnabas.

I Peter 5:12 – Silas went with Peter. Marcus, John and Mark to Babylon. Paul was heading the opposite direction.

This greeting gives on credentials because it is referring to the hope and credentials do not matter in regard to the hope.

You have to ask yourself “What does it not say?”

Whenever it refers to a twig or a city church is singular or when it refers to a province church is in the plural.

Galatians 1 - Galatia was a province

I Corinthians 16:18 – Asia was a province

Colossians 4:15 – Speaking of an individual twig

En – in – in or by, at rest in, continuance in.

Jesus – is the humiliated one

Christ Jesus – is the glorified one

Lord Jesus Christ – is the returning one

Grace/peace – the greatest goal in the reason for an epistle

Grace is a means to peace.

I Thessalonians 1:2 - these are all prayers of thanksgiving.

Homeophroperon – alliteration, a series of words beginning or the same syllable at the beginning with the same letter.

Mneia – mention – to call into remembrance often connected with prayer and salutation.

Prayers – prayers of devotion

I Thessalonians 1:3 – “without ceasing” – careful attention and perseverance.
“remembering” – ehad – to recollect or hold in the memory
whatever, so that some action or change of thinking can take
place.

Different word in the Hebrew

Ehad - used again in:

I Thessalonians 3:6
2:9

I Thessalonians 1:3 – The work that comes out of you believing.

Ergon – work – any type of work (evad – Aramaic)

Kappa – labor – hard work resulting with fatigue (amla – Aramaic)

Motivated by love and patience of hope interlock

You must keep your eyes on the hope or you will not work or love

In – genitive of relation – for with a view to

And – even

“Remembering without ceasing in the sight of God” The Aramaic translation.

I Thessalonians 1:4 – “If God” goes with “beloved”

“Beloved of God”

election – chosen, selection

Many are called few are chosen.

Being chosen includes the circumstances around your believing

God’s predestination is always out of fore knowledge.

I Thessalonians 1:5 – for – that or because, (gives the evidence)

dunamis – power – figure of speech “hendiadys”

plerophoria – much assurance – to carry or bring in full capacity – another usage - fully persuaded, full conviction

“What manner of men” – all one word i.e. what were or became

oida - “as ye know” – occurs 15 times in church epistles, I Cor. 12:2, 15:16, Gal. 4:13, Phil 4:17 and 11 times in I & II Thess.

The phrase “as ye know” was a flag to people, a well-known example as the things that they were referring to when they said, “as ye know” were things or events that were well known observations.

I Thessalonians 1:5, 2:1,2,5, 3:3,4, 4:2, 5:2,
II Thessalonians 2:3,4

All of these verses are in light of your walk of believing.

Read Demonstrating God’s Power chapters 6 & 14
Read God’s Magnified Word chapter 6

History is the 5 senses attempting to record the happenings that have spiritual sources.