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Romans 15:30 – You need to pray to expect answers like an athletic competes with intensity.

If you can't pray you can't lead anyone, because prayer is spiritual breathing.

Prayer with understanding is for people not God.

The more the Word lives in you the more you pray about everything.

There are priorities in your commitment:

1. Your own personal habits in the Word
2. Your faithful consistent fellowship with the household

First fault leaders will look to is your personal habits in the Word.

Romans 10:10 – The believing and heart doesn't stop once you are born again.

Romans is written about Believing	The beginning
Ephesians is written about Love	Greatest law
Thessalonians is written about the Hope	The walk

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I Thessalonians 3:1 – forbear – seego – to protect by covering, to keep something off of
by covering, hence to forbear
left – abide

Acts 17:13-16 – Silas was in Berea, Timothy was in Thessalonica and Paul was in Athens
18:1,2,11 – Silas and Timothy joined Paul in Corinth

I Thessalonians 3:2 – “brother” is a key word in Thessalonians
Minister of God and our fellow laborer

Translated – “Fellow laborer of God” – in old Latin, Ambos aster,
Peliougs and Pseudo Jerome.

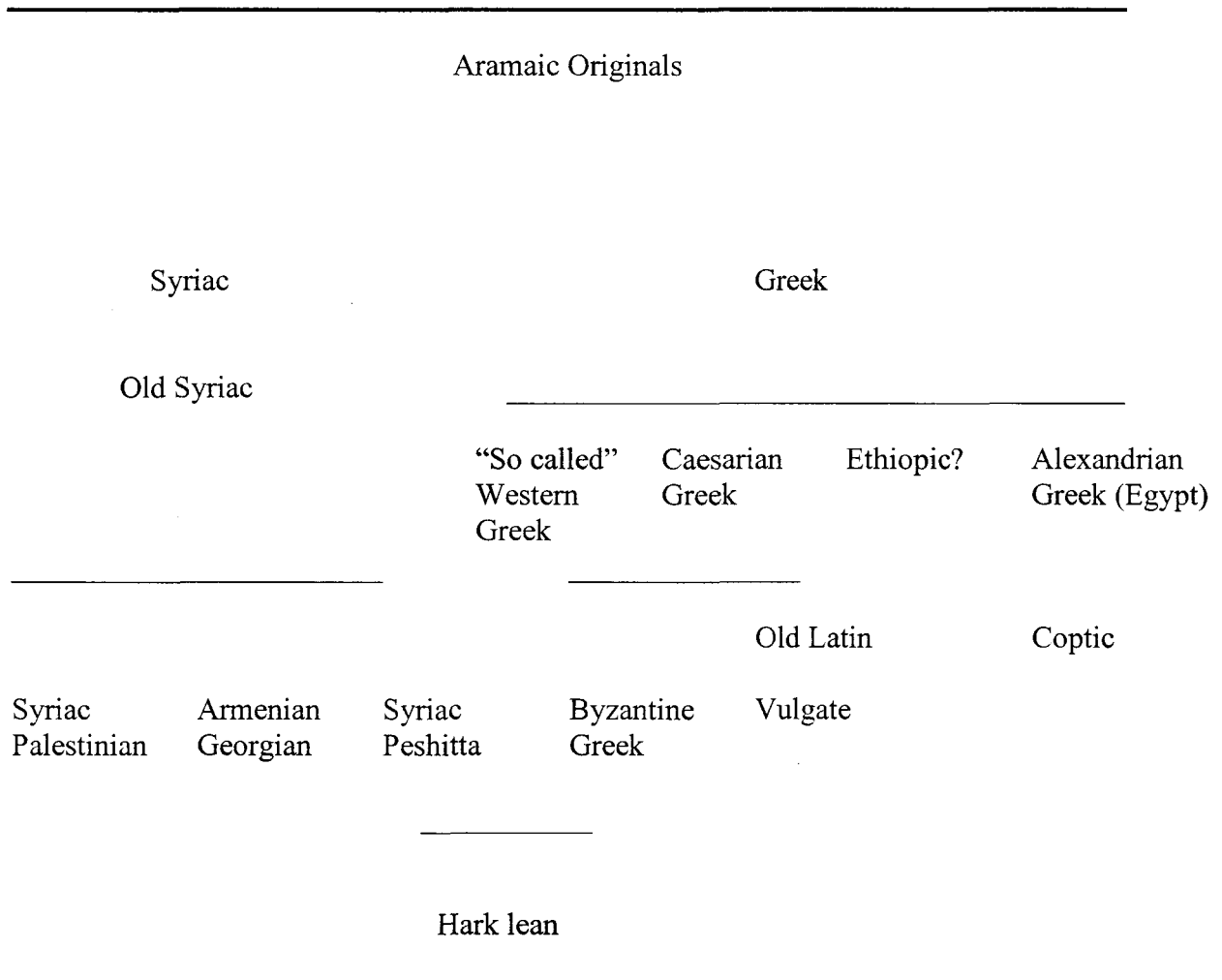
Translated – “Minister of God” – only – in the Vulgate, Hark lean
(some), Coptic's (all), Gothic, Ethiopic, Basil, Peliougs (some),
Theo doe and Euthenics.

Translated – “Minister of God and our fellow laborer” - in the majority of Greek manuscripts (the later ones only) in Syriac Peshitta. Hark lean (some) These are all probably much later.

Translated – “Our fellow laborer and His minister in the gospel of God and fellow laborer of Christ” – in the Palestinian Syriac and Armenian.

What causes a scribe to change the text?

Look at the inherent witness of the Word.



Timothy was the best that Paul had. You always send the best into tough situations if you can't go yourself.

I Thessalonians 3:2 – Minister who is diligent and hard working also fellow laborer. It emphasizes Timothy's faithfulness as a servant.

His service as a worker with God;
Gospel of Christ – genitive of relation
Comfort – encourage

I Thessalonians 3:3 – moved – saino – to wag the tail, FOS – to sway
Afflictions – thlipsis – mental pressure

Pressures and pleasures are the only things that sway men.

Men not moved by pressure are often moved by the well-meaning persuasion of friends.

3:3 Appointed – comes with the job

I Thessalonians 3:4 – we should – we were about to, eminent suffering, to endure the pressure (passive voice)

3:5 – forbear – seego – to protect by covering. We had this already.
Know – ginosko – to know by experience. I shouldn't have to explain this word.

Tempter have tempted – peirazo – to tempt with evil. FOS
polyptoton – repetition of a word in different parts of speech.

Dokinmazo – prove expecting a positive outcome

Peirazo – prove expecting a negative outcome

In vain – without substance not without reward

Paul knew that it wouldn't happen in his lifetime but he would still get the rewards for what he had done.

I Thessalonians 3:6 – But now – emphasis on the immediateness of Timothy returning,
“But just now”

3:7 – comfort – encourage

distress – ananke – pressure that is really distress – compulsion

You must know how the people are doing. Timothy was the next best thing to God for Thessalonica.

I Corinthians 16:8-11 - This is a totally different situation. Timothy worked very well in Thessalonica. He was not very well trusted in Corinth, not because he had done something wrong but because the people of Corinth had placed their believing in Paul.

I Thessalonians 3:7 – When you can't go yourself send someone who is capable of carrying out what needs to be done. You need to build up your seconds, your representatives, not only with and in the Word but also with the people. The people need to trust the person that is trying to minister to them or they will not be totally blessed. Remember that Jesus could not do mighty works in his own land? Why? Because they

had watched him grow up, they new his family and they thought they new him, so they didn't trust him. You can't have this in your twig; you need to build people up. You must be honest and trust worthy or no one that you bring up behind you will be trusted either.

Paul had integrity and Timothy had integrity. You must remember the spiritual maturity of the people that you are taking care of as well. Sometimes they are so many young in the group that they won't accept anyone but the "one in charge" or the one that they perceive to be in charge. Many of these people are coming from organized churches they are used to meeting the priest or pastor at the door after every meeting. They will expect that of you too, at least until they grow up.