21.05.02 Church Checkup part 2 1 Thessalonians 1:1 – 10 Notes

**What does the life of a of Jesus involve?**

1. **As a healthy follower of Jesus, I am a empowered by the Word.**

Healthy followers of Jesus live lives built on the foundation of God’s  verse 5

The living word of God powerfully  us. Hebrews 4:12

It is the word of God that would now serve to  them and lead them into this new life. Psalm 119:105

Transformed by the Word, followers of Jesus   the example of Jesus with joy, in the midst of tribulation. verses 6 – 7; John 16:33

And they experienced the  of the .

These living witnesses, these followers of Jesus,  other groups of believers. verse 8; 2 Corinthians 8:1 – 5

This was happening because these followers of Jesus,   the “work of faith and labor of love” mentioned in verse 3, in their sharing of the gospel with others.

Each believer must  and  God’s Word.

This is where it all comes together – being a word empowered  transmitting the transforming Word of God.

How are you building the  of the  of God in your life?

In what ways are you involved in God’s ? So that you have evidence of God’s power and goodness and love to proclaim?

How are you doing the  of God where He has  you?

1. **As a healthy follower of Jesus, I’m actively the return of Jesus.**

I am not . verses 8 – 10

A follower of Jesus is not content to  home . Verse 8

A follower of Jesus is not content with  here on  **.** verses 9 – 10

Because they had trusted Christ, these followers of Jesus looked for His  with joyful expectancy… verse 10

The imminent return of Jesus is all the more reason to  to the task, to do the work of ministry, to proclaim or trumpet the Good News until He does return.

The Thessalonians were witnesses awaiting the return of Jesus.

If you and I   these  characteristics, our churches will become what God wants us to become.