

Partnerships for Spiritual Progress

1THS 5:23-28; PHP 1:3-11; ROM 15:1-7, 13

INTRODUCTION:

“Before I let you go, ...”



✪ Until Jesus comes for us, we (re-)commit ourselves to a _____, communal process of spiritual growth.

1. Paul _____ for the continuous spiritual growth of his friends. *(5:23-24)*
 - a. Their salvation was a benevolent _____ from God.
 - b. The powerful _____ behind their spiritual progress was God himself.
 - c. The impossible target of their progress was nothing short of total _____.
 - d. God _____ his children against losing their salvation. *(ROM 8:37-39)*
 - e. Their lifelong growth process would be _____ when Jesus appeared.
 - f. Nothing will stand in the way of God _____ his goal for their lives. *(PHP 1:6; 2:12-13)*
2. Paul _____ prayers from the congregation for himself. *(5:25)*
3. Paul extended his loving _____ to the congregation. *(5:26)*
4. Paul wanted everyone to be _____ in the process of growth. *(5:27; ROM 15:1-7, 13; 1TIM 4:13)*
5. Paul prayed for more _____ to be poured out on his friends. *(5:28)*

CONCLUSION:

- Pray for the continuous spiritual _____ in your friends.
- Seek out a prayer _____.
- Build relationships within the congregation that include genuine expressions of _____ for each other.
- Read, discuss and meditate on large portions of _____ together.
- Give and receive _____ to each other for fumbles, foibles, and failures in the Christian life.