

1 Thes 2:17-20

- I. We desired and tried hard to come see you again (17-18)
 - A. Even though we were apart, we did all that we could to be with you again (17)
 - 1. Being Separated from you for a time (17a)
 - Lit. "orphaned from you"
 - For a short time
 - In personal presence
 - Not in heart
 - 2. Response: We did all that we could to be with you again (17b-c)
 - a We made excessive effort with much desire (17b)
 - b Purpose: to see your face (17c)
 - i.e. to be with you and experience your presence
 - B. Therefore: We (unsuccessfully) tried to come back to see you (18)
 - 1. Pos: We tried to come to you more than once (18a-b)
 - a We desired to come to you (18a)
 - b I myself [tried] once and twice (time and again) (18b)
 - 2. Neg: but satan (the accuser) hindered us (18c)
- II. Reason: You are important to us! (19-20)
 - A. We have no joy and prize before Jesus at His coming except you (19)
 - 1. Q: Who is our prize? (19a)
 - Our hope
 - Our joy
 - The crown of our boasting
 - Before our Lord Jesus
 - In His advent
 - 2. A: Except you (19b)
 - B. Reason: Because you are our glory and joy (20)