



I. THE CHALLENGES OF THE CHURCH

A. THE CHURCH EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTIES AND SETBACKS

- The Plan Of God Rides On The _____ Of _____ - verse 1

- Persecution Becomes, Under The Lord's Power, A Catalyst For _____ - verses 2-3

- We Will All Need True Godly Friends To _____ - verses 4-6

(over)

B. HOW DID PAUL GET THESE GODLY MEN WHO PROTECTED HIM IN HIS MISSION?

- 1) He loved them and poured into their lives always.
- 2) He encouraged them no matter what they were facing
- 3) He was like a loving spiritual mother or father.

- Thessalonians 2:6-12

• THE NEHEMIAH FUND

- Romans 15:26-27 - *For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.*

- When You Are The Most _____, It Is The Most Important To Stay _____! - verses 7-12