THEY INFLUENCED THE WORLD
1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

1 Th 1:6 Followers: imitators, mimickers. Essence of discipleship: Producing another “YOU.”

having received the word in much affliction When received the Word they were immediately put under great persecution and opposition.

… with joy of the Holy Ghost: They rejoiced to be like the Lord in affliction.
Acts 16:25-32 John 15:19-21
Influenced the world:
1. By Example 1 Th 1:7

Macedonia: Thessalonica, Philippi and Berea
Achaia: Athens and Corinth.

Ensamples:
♦ Imprint made by a stroke or blow
♦ Impression left by a seal
♦ Pattern

2. Echoers of the Word. 1 Th 1:8 Sounded out the word: To echo forth. Sound of a trumpet or booming of thunder.

… also in every place Soul-winners in life-styles …impacted the world

3. Turning away from idols. 1 Th 1:9 ...and how ye turned to God from idols.
Whole lives made about face in turning away from idolatry

4. Turning to serve living and true God. 1 Th 1:9

Demarest: It’s not only what you turn from that is important. Of greater importance is what you turn to, and what you do after you’ve turned.

Serve: had come to serve as slaves the living and true God.

God: Living and true

4. Lifestyle

Living: God is a real person—sees, hears, acts and thinks.

True: genuine, real thing.

THE living and true God. No divided loyalty! Deu 5:6-9

5. Waiting for Jesus. 1 Th 1:10 Biblical view of future. They knew Jesus was coming back

Hend: Every child of God who understands the scriptures knows this and is waiting for him to come.

Wait: look forward with patience and confidence. Idea of waiting for a visitor to arrive. 1 John 3:2-3; 1 Th 4:16-18; Mat 24:30; Rev 1:7

The wrath to come: judgments to come in Tribulation period.