



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: II Thessalonians 3:6-12 (NAS)

“Addressing Slothful Living”

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- 6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.
- 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,
- 8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you;
- 9 not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example.
- 10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.
- 11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.
- 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

I. OUR SOCIETY CONDONES SLOTHFUL LIVING

II. PAUL GAVE A WARNING *I Thessalonians 4:11-12*

III. SECOND LETTER CALLS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

II Thessalonians 3:10

- A. The Nature Of Discipline *I Timothy 4:7b-8a*
- B. Who Ought Be Involved In Discipline *II Timothy 3:16-17*
 1. Not just the elder *I Corinthians 1:1*
 2. The whole church
 3. It is commanded *Matthew 22:37-39*

IV. THE SPECIFIC AREA OF DISCIPLINE IN FOCUS

- A. First Through Points To His Own Labors

1. He did not eat their bread
2. He had a right to do so *vs. 9; I Timothy 5:17-18*
3. He desired to set a strong example

B. There Were Slothful Lives Among Them

1. The work mandate given *vs. 10*
 - a. also seen in *Genesis 2:15*
 - b. we are image bearers through our work *Genesis 2:3*
 - c. those with strength and opportunity to work yet neglect the responsibility are akin to a thief *Ephesians 4:28*
2. Even the poor are called to labor *Leviticus 23:22*

APPLICATION:

1. **Christ Redeems Us From The Sin Of Laziness**
2. **He Calls Us To Serve**