

Be Busy, Not Busybodies (2 Thess. 3:6-15)

Key verse: For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. (2 Thess. 3:11-12)

This passage deals with the Theology, Concept and Command to work.

Work – The visible application of the Gospel in our life's situations for the Glory of Christ (2Thess. 1:11-12)

The process in this passage:

- The Problem
- The Teaching
- The Example
- The Application
- The Accountability

The Problem (2 Thess. 3:6,8,11) – Brothers who were **idle, burdensome, busybodies** in the church, who actively rebelled against Paul's earlier expressed command.

The Teaching (2 Thess. 3:10) - Paul's command is:

- Do not provide for someone who is unwilling to work.
- Work to meet your daily needs and provide for your family. Ex: Adam, Jesus Christ, Paul

The Example (2 Thess. 3:7-9) – Paul & his companions

While preaching and teaching the church at Thessalonica they also worked with their hands to support their own daily needs.

The Application (2 Thess. 3:12)

- Work to meet your daily needs.
- Work so that your life and the lives of others may be filled with peace.
- Work to support those who are unable to work (Eph 4:28)

The Accountability (2 Thess. 3:6b,14,15)

What to do with a disobedient brother-

- Keep away from them.
- Have nothing to do with them, so that they may feel ashamed.
- Warn them as a brother, not as an enemy.

Church discipline is enforcing right behaviour and Godly standards of living. It is meant to be redemptive and not destructive.