

Series "Encouraging the Authentic Christian"
"Living Responsibly"
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18
Part-4

Outline of 2 Thessalonians:

Chapter – 1 Encourage the Suffering:

Chapter – 2 Enlighten the Confused:

Chapter – 3 Warn the Careless:

We will look at 4 areas in our study:

- 1. Verses 6-7 – Waiting**
- 2. Verses 8-12 – Working**
- 3. Verses 13-15 – Well-Doing**
- 4. Verses 16-18 – Wellbeing**

1. Verses 6-7 – Waiting:

2 Thess 3:5

"...we command you, brethren". Paul only a few times uses the word "Command." He would always appeal but very rarely commanded.

Command - is a military word often used of "a command by a superior officer."

"...that you keep aloof" – "Avoid, withdraw"

"...from every brother who leads an unruly life". Some of the saints were "undisciplined," literally, "out of order" or "out of rank." This family of words was used of soldiers who were out of step or moving in disarray.

1 Thess. 5:14

"...and not according to the tradition which you received from us". Paul uses the term tradition - means Literally "giving up or giving over, that which is handed down from one person to another."

2. Verses 8-12 – Working:

A sign of conversion is giving! The old nature is ever wanting. Acts 20:35 and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Paul never saw himself as a "Creditor, but a Debtor."

10 if anyone will not work, It was not a question of ability but willingness. We have the ability but are unwilling!

- Idleness: Extreme of depending upon others to provide for us.
- Making an idol of our work: Attempting to find life's meaning in our work rather than bringing meaning to work.

3. Verses 13-15 – Well-Doing:

Gal. 6:9

Heb 12:3

Rev. 2:3

"...take special note of that man". It means "to mark them, to note for one's self"

"...and do not associate with him", "to mix up together, to keep company with"

Keep Away From The Unruly - 2 Thess. 3:6

Keep Away From The Christian Blatantly Sinning - 1 Cor. 5:11

Keep Away From The Factious - Titus 3:10-11

1 Cor. 11:31-32

4. Verses 16-18 – Wellbeing:

Paul Now prays for them 16-18

Paul had told them to pray for him: 2 Thess 3:1-3

Paul closes his letter by praying for the church with 3 requests:

1. He Prays For Their Peace: (His Peace) Now may the Lord of peace Isa. 9:6 Prince of peace. Paul has been speaking about disunity now peace.
2. He Prays The Lord Would Be With Them: (His Presence)
The Lord be with you all!

Gal. 6:11

2 Thess. 2:1-2

v.18 – The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

3. He Prays For God's Grace: (His Grace) His love and favor towards us.

Application:

1. Waiting: In light of the Lords return, our witness must be in word and deed. The message applies to us.
2. Working: Working is a privilege; as God's children we are partakers of His nature which means we are givers, not merely takers.
3. Well-Doing: Means loving God and others so much that we are willing to correct them, and even withdraw from fellowship with them because of our love for God.
4. Wellbeing: God's peace, presence and grace.