



The Theology of Work

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

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2 Thessalonians 3:6–15 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. 9 It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 11 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13 As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. 14 If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

Every Christian must be _____ to _____.

(3:6)

1. I need to realize the _____ of _____.

a. Before the _____ of _____ Gen 2:15

b. After the _____ into _____ Rev 14:13; Isa 65:21-23

(3:7-9)

2. I must remember the _____ of _____.

(3:10-12)

3. I should refrain from _____ the _____.

a. Being idle can be _____. 1 Ti 5:12-13

b. Being idle corrupts our _____. 1 Th 4:10-12

(3:13-15)

4. I can refuse to _____ other _____.

a. There could be _____ . Titus 3:10-11

b. There must be _____ . 1 Peter 4:8

Conclusions

- I must _____ to be **diligent**. Col 3:23-25

- I should _____ for my **dependents**. 1 Ti 5:8