

*Paul's Letter to the
Church at Thessalonica*



II Thessalonians

Work While Waiting

2 Thessalonians: 3:6-15

Chapter 1: Why Are We Suffering?

Chapter 2: What Will Occur?

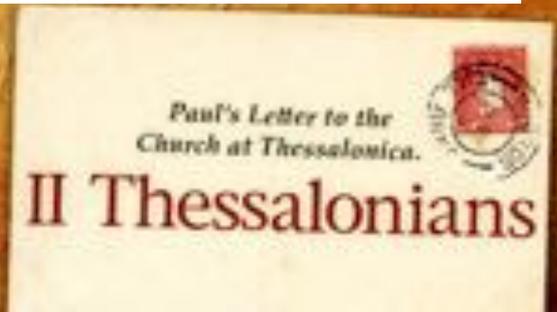
Chapter 3: How Do I Respond?

2nd Thessalonians BIG IDEA:

The hope of Christ's return encourages us in our suffering and motivates us to live responsibly for Him.

2nd Thessalonians 3 BIG IDEA:

Waiting with Discipline Cultivates Responsibility.

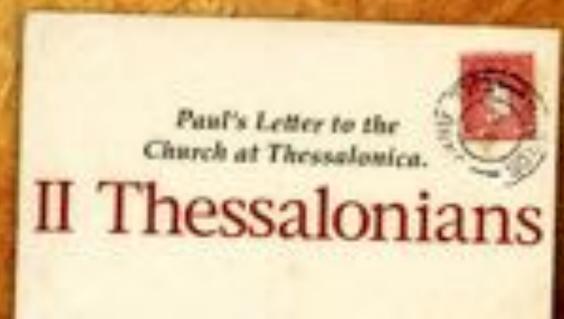


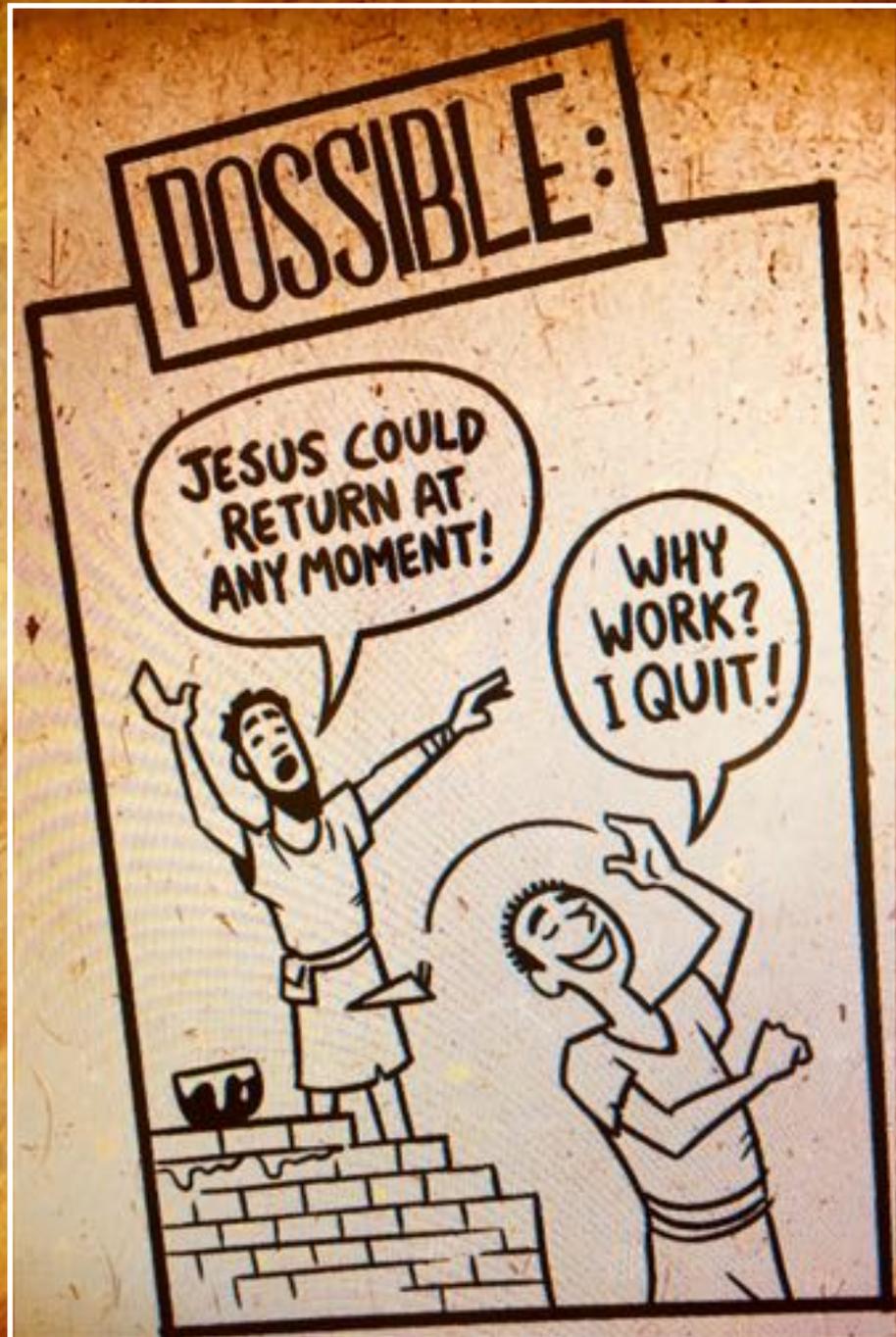
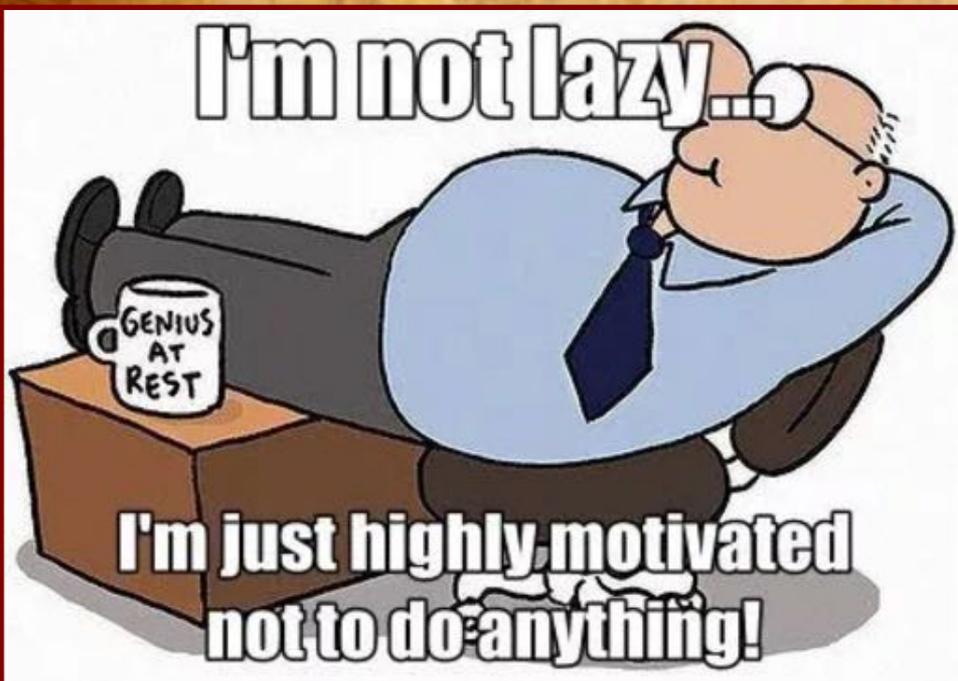
The church Thessalonica had members who refused to work. They were creating tension.

**IDLE
UNRULY
DISORDERLY**

¹¹ that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, ¹² that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing. 1 Thess. 4:11-12.

¹¹We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 2 Thess. 3:11



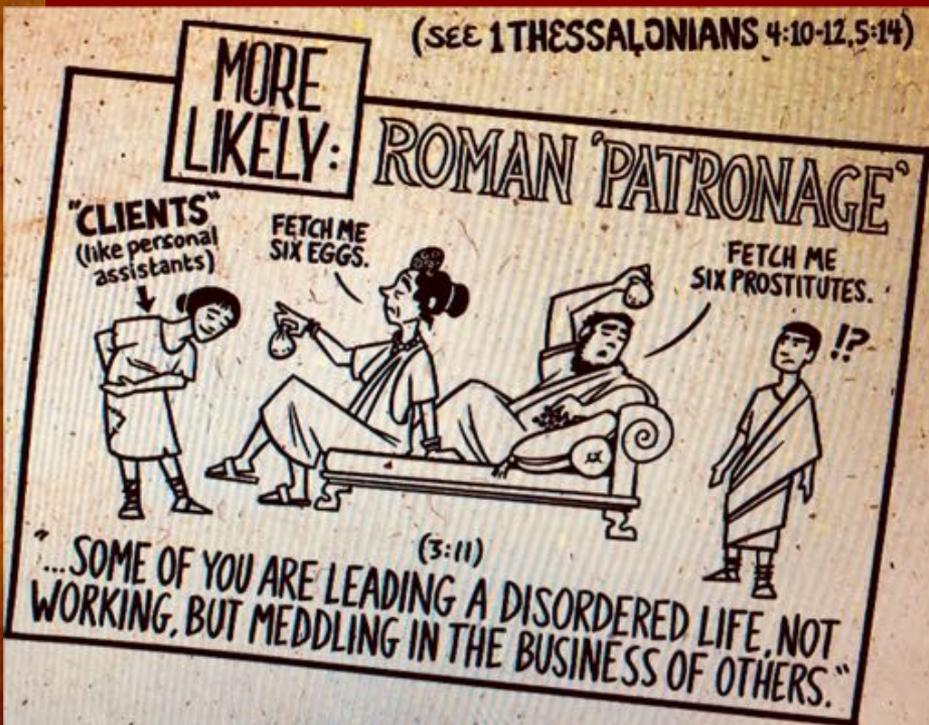


¹¹We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹²Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat.

BUSYBODY: A person who meddles into the affairs of others.



ROMAN PATRONAGE: A Client depended on the wealth of the Patron for his livelihood.



WITHDRAW FROM DISORDERLY BELIEVERS

⁶But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you **WITHDRAW from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us...**

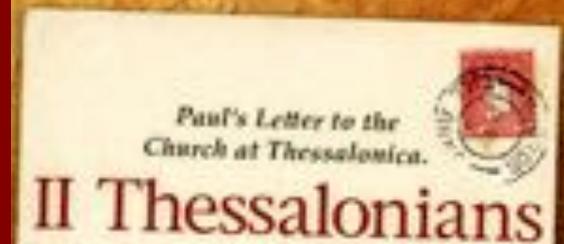
¹⁴If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. **DO NOT ASSOCIATE with him, in order that he may feel ashamed.**

¹⁵Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

Avoid Divisive Persons: Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. Rom 16:17

Do not keep company: ¹¹ I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people.

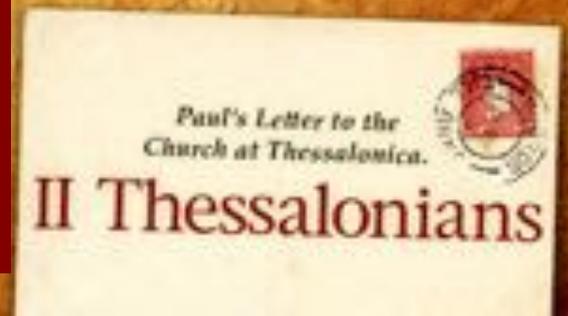
Do not receive: If anyone comes to your meeting and does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement. 2 John 1:10



WORK LABORIOUSLY

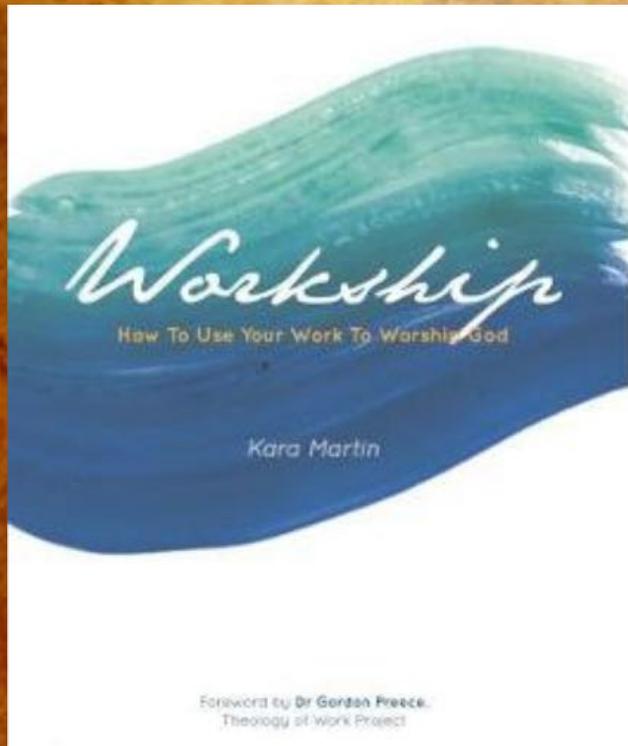
⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labour and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, ⁹not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

Paul had the full right to receive support but he waived that right in order to set an example to his converts.



WARN AN UNRULY BELIEVER FOR HIS BEHAVIOUR

**¹⁰If anyone is not willing to work,
then he is not to eat, either.**

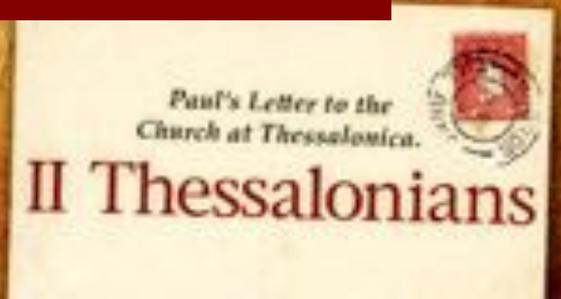


- ✓ **Work from God's perspective does not only refer to what is done in paid employment.**
- ✓ **God sees work as any purposeful activity requiring focus and effort.**
- ✓ **It could be housework, schoolwork, caring for children or parents, study, paid work, voluntary work.**

TRUTHS TO LIVE BY:

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YOUR WORK IS YOUR WITNESS

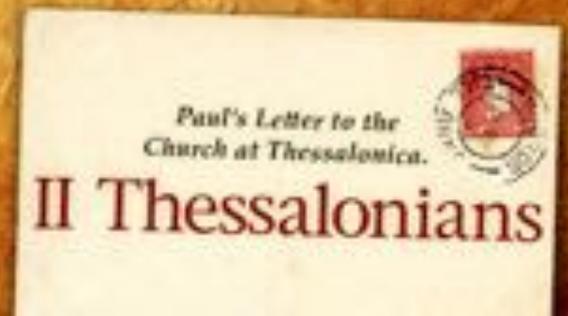


TRUTHS TO LIVE BY:

And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. 2 Thess. 3:13

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23

YOUR WORK IS YOUR WORSHIP



TRUTHS TO LIVE BY:

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