

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 **“A Work Against Idleness”**

⁶ 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. **Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.**^[a] 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.

A WORKING EXAMPLE-V.6-9

1. Paul's Command: V.6

2. A Call to Work: V.7-9

- *Genesis 2:15-The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.*

THE IDLE-V.10-12

1. The Fruit of Idleness: V.10-11

2. The Fruit of Work: V.12

- *1 Timothy 5:8 ⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

THE FAITHFUL -V.13-15

1. Keep Doing Good: V.13

- *Matthew 5:45 "so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

2. Brotherly Warning: V.14-15

- *Matthew 18:5 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.*