DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31

Work and Quietness 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 September 8, 2024

Main Idea:

Paul continues the practical application of the doctrinal instruction he had provided for the Thessalonians. Now refreshed in their understanding of the end times and reminded of the imminent (at any time) rapture of the church, the believers needed to urgently live for Christ day by day as they expectantly awaited His return for them. A particular aspect of faithfulness all the believers needed to be concerned with was their responsibility to work diligently and to avoid unruly living.

Outline:

- 1. The problem confronting the Thessalonian church: idleness on the part of some
- 2. The prescription for its correction: work
 - 3 ways work is a blessing for believers
 - Because God has commanded it, working helps us align our lives with His word and will so that we're positioned to receive His blessing.
 - Working enables us to be a blessing to others
 - Work is the way that God has ordained to provide for our sustenance in this life

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message: #1 Why and how can "idleness" on the part of a believer result in a bad testimony? #2 Should work be regarded as an important spiritual priority for disciples of Jesus? Why? By God's design, work is beneficial for believers; in what ways? #3 #4 How does working hard enable us to be a blessing to others? Notice Paul's statement in v. 17. Why do you think he brought this to the attention #5 of the Thessalonians? (See c. 2 v.2)