



Reflection Questions

March 8, 2026

The Goodness and Dignity of Work

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

This week, we explore the biblical principle of work, examining how God designed work as a fundamental part of human flourishing. We will see how Paul addresses idleness in the Thessalonian church and how these timeless principles apply to modern challenges, including socialist ideologies that seek to separate work from provision.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does understanding work as part of God's original design before the fall change your perspective on your daily job or responsibilities?
2. In what ways might our culture's emphasis on leisure and early retirement conflict with the biblical principle that work is inherently dignified and purposeful?
3. Paul warns against idleness leading to becoming a busybody. How can we recognize when we are too focused on others' affairs rather than stewarding our own responsibilities well?
4. What is the difference between bearing one another's heavy burdens and enabling someone to avoid carrying their own personal load, and how do we discern which situation we are facing?
5. How might the promise of universal basic income or welfare without work requirements actually harm people spiritually, even if it appears compassionate on the surface?
6. Anyone powerful enough to promise you everything is also powerful enough to take it all away. How does this principle apply to our relationship with government versus our dependence on God?
7. In what practical ways can the Church reclaim its God-given responsibility to care for the poor rather than subcontracting this duty to the government?
8. How can we share both physical provision and the gospel with those in need, recognizing that their spiritual poverty is even more urgent than their material lack?