

2 Thessalonians 3
“An Idle Mind...”
July 12, 2026
Hymn #544 (B) “Work, for the Night Is Coming”

Chapter 3 Theme: “Prayer for Admonishment unto Endurance in Preaching the Gospel”

Chapter 3:1-2 Thesis verse - “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.”

Exegetical Idea: In Praying for one another, we are strengthened to resist Laziness, becoming a “Busy Body”, and Apostasy so that the Gospel is not hindered or altered.

Proverbs 6:6-11 - “Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise...”

Vs 1-5 - Paul Solicits Prayer

- a. Pray for US
- b. Pray for the Gospel to be “unhindered”
- c. Pray for us to be free from wicked men
- d. vs 5 “patience” (JM 298)

Vs 6-15

- a. 6-10 - Act like a Believer
 - i. Matthew 7:15-20
 - ii. Titus 3:14
 - iii. Galatians 6:9
 - iv. 1 John 3:2-6*
- b. 11-15 - Admonish the one who does not act like a believer
 - i. The Sluggard and the BusyBody
 - ii. “Busybody” - to meddle, going beyond proper boundaries (where a person doesn't belong); to fixate on what others are doing, instead of doing what the person himself is supposed to do
 - iii. Define Work - Philippians 2:12-18 - Salvation has been given by Election, now earn the gift given.

Conclusion - Paul prays for them 16-18

Yes, work hard every day, not for the “rest” but for the value of the Gift given that secured your rest. He gave His all for you so that you could give your all... in the form of gratitude and faithfulness.

Benediction: Galatians 2:16-21