

2 Thessalonians

Prayer and Patronage

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2nd Thessalonians 3:1-18

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.³ But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command.⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.



2nd Thessalonians 3:1-18

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.



2nd Thessalonians 3:1-18

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. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.



2nd Thessalonians 3:1-18

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. ¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.





1st Thessalonians 4:10-12

...But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,¹¹
and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own
affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed
you,¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders
and be dependent on no one.



2nd Thessalonians 3:7-9

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, [I trust you can hear the echoes of the patron/client relationship], 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.



Galatians 6:6

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.



2nd Thessalonians 3:10-11

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Proverbs 13:4

The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.



2nd Thessalonians 3:14-15

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“The purpose of this discipline is positive and constructive. It is not to humiliate delinquents, still less destroy them. It is rather to make them ‘feel ashamed’ (14b), that is, to shame them into repentance for the past and amendment of life in the future. Paul’s intention is not that he be excluded from the community, but reinstated in it. Jesus had made this plain by saying that if an offender listens to reproof, ‘you have won your brother over’.”

John Stott

2nd Thessalonians 3:12-13

¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.



2nd Thessalonians 3:16-18

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.



John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

