



2 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 17
“DO NOT GROW WEARY IN WELL DOING”
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 – Part 1

INTRODUCTION

Gal. 6:9 - 2 Cor. 4:1, 16-18

The Biblical View Of Work:

- God exalted work by commanding it.
- God sets the example of work for all to follow.
 - God Works
 - Jesus Christ Works
 - Holy Spirit Works
- Work is a normal part of man’s existence.
- Work is a gift from God.
- The biblical work ethic affirms that all work can be elevated above the mundane by being done for the Lord Himself.

1. THE PROBLEM WHICH EXISTED AMONG THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS - 6, 7, 11

- “walking in idleness” – *ataktōs* “neglectful of duties”

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

2. THE PRINCIPLE THAT AFFECTS THIS PROBLEM – 10

“If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.”

Deut. 15:7-8; James 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17-18 - Ecc. 2:24-26; 5:18-19; Exodus 20:9

3. THE PRACTICE OF OTHER BELIEVERS TOWARD THOSE WITH THIS PROBLEM – 6, 14

“that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness”

“take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him”

WHEN DO WE WITHDRAW?

- In the case of **DOCTRINAL** errors - *Rom. 16:17-18*
- In the case of **DIVISIVE** attitudes - *Titus 3:9-11*
- In the case of **DELIBERATE** immorality - *1 Cor. 5:9-13*
- In the case of **DETERMINED** rebellion - *Matt. 18:15-17*
- In the case of **DISORDERLY** conduct - *2 Thess. 3:6*

4. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PRACTICE - 14-15

“that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.”

- Your **REASON** for withdrawing is to restore him
- Your **RELATIONSHIP** to him must not change
- Your **RESPONSE** to him is critical
Romans 15:14; 1 Cor. 4:14-16; Col. 1:28.

5. THE PEACE THAT IS NEEDED - 16

“¹⁶Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.”

- The **SOURCE** of peace in the body of Christ
“the Lord of peace Himself”
- The **SCOPE** of that peace
“at all times in every way.”

FINAL WORDS: *2 Thessalonians 3:17-18*

He mentions two basic things:

- The **RECOGNITION** of his letters - 17 - cf. *2 Thess. 2:2*
- The **RESOURCE** that we all need – 18