



I. What Is The Command?

- a. How has Paul amplified his language from 1 Thessalonians to 2 Thessalonians in regards to those who do not work?
- b. Paul commands the believers in Thessalonica here but in 1 Thessalonians 5:14 he urges them first to come along side the unruly. What should that teach us when we see our brothers or sisters caught in sin?
- c. Even though we believe God's return is imminent, why should we go to work and work hard?

II. What Does The Command Mean?

- a. What did the command "Keep away from" mean?
- b. When someone is brought before the congregation in church discipline, what should the response of the church be?
- c. If you have ever been apart of a church that practices church discipline like Anchor Bible Church does, when someone is brought before the congregation how have you responded? Do you write the person off as hopeless and an unbeliever? Or do you lovingly call them to repentance?
- d. Read James 5:19-20
 - i. 19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,
20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
 1. What is the ultimate goal of church discipline?
 2. Do you find more entertainment in the drama of the discipline or having joy in seeing the believer repent and welcomed back to the church?

III. Who This Command Is For.

- a. Who are the unruly?
- b. What is the tradition that the Thessalonians received from Paul?
- c. Are these lazy loafers being a burden or a curse to the church and society?
 - i. What is the line where you help the poor and discipline the lazy?
- d. How would it look to unbelievers if the church let people be lazy or turned a blind eye to their lack of work ethic?

IV. Why This Command Matters To You.

- a. Why is church discipline done?
- b. What is work? Is it just your 9-5 job?
- c. When your day job is done whether that is end of shift or kids are in bed or you are retired. How can you work unto the Lord?



- d. What areas of your life require more discipline/work? Maybe you do work hard in your job. Does your spiritual life receive as much attention and work?
- e. Thought to chew on for the week. The church in Thessalonica was disciplined for not working. Have you heeded their discipline and do you understand now the serious consequences of being a sluggard?

Prayer Topics:

- Pray that Anchor Bible Church would be a church that is known for having hard working church members. Ones that not only bless others in society but work at serving one another.
- Pray that each of us would keep away from this sin of laziness.
- As this world grows darker and more wicked and laziness becomes more prevalent, pray that our church leaders would not grow weary or lazy in being watchful over the church but always diligently on guard.