

## MERCY AND DISOBEDIENCE, LIVING IT OUT, MODERN IDOLS

New Testament Unit - Living It Out - *Future-Proof Faith* - July 30, 2017

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

Intro: What does it mean to live with integrity?

### I. 2 Thess. 3:1-5 Christians Support One Another In Prayer

1. How many times does Paul use the term "brothers or brethren" in 1 & 2 Thessalonians? What can you find out about that term?

2. (3:1-2) What does Paul ask them to pray for?

Our need to pray for each other demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_.

3. (3:3-5) When you read these verses, what words come to mind when describing God's traits?

4. Paul mentions the "steadfastness of Christ" in vs.5. What does that mean?

### II. 2 Thess. 3:6-12 Christians Should Be Responsible Members of the Community

1. (3:6) Paul warns the church of the dangers of "idleness". How do the idle bring harm to:

Themselves?

Those truly in need?

Other Christians?

Unbelievers?

2. (3:7-9) What did Paul say about their example to the church at Thessalonica?

3. (3:10-12) What commands does Paul give to the "idle" of the church?

### III. 2 Thess. 3:13-18 Christians Persist in Doing What is Right

1. (3:13-15) What commands does Paul give the church?

What should the attitude of the church be in a matter such as this?

2. Read the following passages. What do they tell us about church discipline?

Matt.18:15-17

1 Co.5:1-13

2 Co.2:5-11

Gal. 6:1