

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Working For A Living

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Study Text: 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-18

Intro: Read 2 Thess.3:1-18. In today's lesson, we will learn some key truths from our text. They are:

- Christians pray for one A_____!
- Christians work to support T_____!
- Christians hold each other A_____ in the Spirit of L_____!

* Our lesson objective: God wants His people to be H_____ workers, doing what is G_____ and R_____ at all times and L_____ LY hold each other accountable for ongoing D_____!

1. Righteousness Through Prayer (2 Thess.3:1-5)

- What was Paul's prayer request? (3:1-2)
- What important point did Paul bring out in 3:3?
- Why is it so important for us to pray for each other?
- Why was Paul so confident in their work? (3:4)
- Read vs.5. What does this verse have to do with us today?

* Why is our fellowship with each other necessary for effective prayer?

2. Righteousness Through Hard Work (2 Thess.3:6-12)

- While Paul always stressed church unity, he commanded them to separate themselves from what group?
Why do you think he said that?

How do the idle harm themselves, the truly needy, other Christians, and unbelievers?

- What kind of example did Paul and others set before them? (3:7-9)
- What command did Paul give to them in vs.10?
- What is so harmful about "idleness"? How would you define a "busybody"? (3:11)
- What was Paul's command to the "idle"? (3:12)

* What are some ways we see "idleness" in everyday life?

3. Righteousness Through Accountability (2 Thess.3:13-18)

- What does Paul tell them to do in vs.13?
- What action is commanded to the disobedient vs.14?

Take N _____!

W _____ / S _____!

A _____ / S _____ / Goal is R _____!

- (3:15) Remember: He is not an E _____,
He is a B _____!

For more on church discipline, see: Matt.18:15-17, 1 Cor.5:1-13, Gal.6:1, Titus 3:10-11. What are the goals of church discipline?

- (3:16-18) In these difficult passages, we should still be concerned with P _____,
F _____ with the Lord, and keep G _____ in mind. (see also 1 Thess.5:23)