Warning Against Idleness - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Topics: Character, Consequences, Discipline, Employment, Example, Jobs, Laziness, Work

Open It

* 1. How does a person learn good work habits?
  2. When have you been frustrated with a lazy person?
  3. What kind of help do you think should be given to people who do not work?

Explore It

  4. Whom should we avoid? (3:6)
  5. What example had Paul set when he was with the church at Thessalonica? (3:7-8)
* 6. What work habits did Paul display while he was in Thessalonica? (3:8)
* 7. Why did Paul work so hard and pay for his food? (3:8-9)
  8. What rule had Paul given about working and eating? (3:10)
  9. What reports had Paul heard about some of the believers in Thessalonica? (3:11)
  10. What had some people in Thessalonica become? (3:11)
* 11. What was Paul's command to the busybodies in Thessalonica? (3:12)
  12. What encouragement did Paul give to those he called "brothers"? (3:13)
  13. How were the Thessalonians to regard anyone who ignored Paul's instructions? (3:14-15)
  14. What should we do with people who do not obey these instructions? (3:14-15)
  15. What blessing did Paul invoke on the Thessalonian believers? (3:16)
  16. What did Paul do to make his final greeting special? (3:17)

Get It

* 17. How can associating with idle, lazy people influence your work habits?
  18. What bad habits can you develop by associating with the wrong crowd of friends?
  19. Why should a Christian stay away from a person who has bad habits or doesn't follow Christ?
* 20. What example should a Christian set for others at a job or as a student?
  21. What disciplinary action should be taken toward a Christian who ignores the teachings of the Word of God?
  22. How should Christians respond to someone who doesn't work or support his or her family?

Apply It

* 23. What improvements in your work habits can you make this week?
  24. What can you do this week to be a good influence on your fellow workers or students?
  25. From what bad influences do you need to distance yourself? How?