**II Thessalonians Sermons, Part 12**

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**PREMISE:** A global dictator is coming. The stage is set, the props are in place. He will control the West and demand the North, South, and East dictators to submit which submission they will reject! Until Rapture, believers need to serve.

**THE THESSALONIANS AND DISCIPLINE (3:6-15)**

\*Work is the curse from sin > Gen. 3:17-19; man has individual responsibility; slothful (Prov. 12:24 ff.)

**I. THE COMMAND (v. 6)** *paraggello* (31x) present command > I Thes. 4:11 > anti-idleness

***A. The Reaction (v. 6a)***

1. What? > *“withdraw” >stello* (2x) > avoid

2. Who > every brother > church member

***B. The Reason (v. 6b)***

1. Walks *“disorderly”* *ataktos* (2x) > soldier out of step or rank > Lord’s army (II Tim. 2:3-4)

2. Walks not after *“tradition” > paradosis* (13x) > idle

**II. THE CIRCUMSTANCE (7-12)**

***A. The Example (vv. 7-9)*** > *“follow”* > *mimeomai* (4x) > literally to mimic! Mimic Paul in salvation/service!

1. The Example Exhorted (v. 7) > I Cor. 4:16; 11:1 > I Cor. 15:10

2. The Example Explained (v. 8) *“eat for nought”* > *dorean* (9x) > freely

a. Brought their bread (8a) “bread bought not for nought but through work wrought!”

b. Wrought with labour and travail (8b) > I Thes. 2:9

3. The Example Empowered (v. 9)

a. The Privilege > *exousia* (103x) > power, liberty > I Cor. 9:4 ff.

b. The Picture > *tupos* (16x) > I Thes. 1:7 (they were *types* to other churches)

***B. The Expectation (v. 10)*** > I Thes. 4:11-12

***C. The Exception (vv. 11-12)***

1. The Sin (v. 11)

a. Disorderly > *ataktos* (see v. 6)

b. Idle > *ergazomai* (39x) “to work” NOT!

c. Busybodies > *periergazomai* (v. 1) busy not working but working around everyone else’s business! Spending all day on FaceBook!

2. The Solution (v. 12)

a. Mind your business > *“quietness” > hesuchia* (4x)

b. Find a job > eat your own bread > it will help your psuche! > I Cor. 15:58!

**III. THE CHALLENGE (vv. 13-15)**

***A. The Action (v. 13)*** > be not weary > *ekkakeo* (6x) *“faint”* from constant dealing with sinners!

***B. The Ashamedness (v. 14)***

1. Signify him > *semeioo* (1x) present imperative > make as a sign!

2. Separate him > *sunanamignumi* (3x) present imperative > temporary shunning!

3. Shame him *> entrepo* (9x)

***C. The Admonishment (v. 15)***

1. Not an enemy *> echthros* (32x) > Gal. 4:16 (reciprocation) > no enemies in assembly!

2. Admonish a brother > *noutheteo* (8x) as *adelphos*

**CONCLUSION: The old nature is lazy; man needs to take care of self with individual responsibility.**