

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP I

WARNING AGAINST THOSE WHO WALK DISORDERLY

2 Thes. 3:6-13

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THE PROBLEM OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN LAZINESS

1. They behave disorderly (2 Thes. 3:6,11)
2. They do not work at all (2 Thes. 3:11)
3. They are busybodies, wasting time doing useless things (2 Thes. 3:11)

REASONS

1. Because of a wrong application of the second coming of Christ (2 Thes. 1-2)
2. Because they had no regard for Biblical / apostolic traditions (2 Thes. 3:6)
3. Because they were free-loaders (2 Thes. 3:8)

WARNING

1. Don't be like them
2. Don't be influenced by them

THE CHALLENGE TO BE HARDWORKING IN LIFE

1. Following the example of Paul and company (2 Thes. 3:7,9)
 - a. Description of their example
 - i. They were not disorderly (2 Thes. 3:7)
 - ii. They did not eat things free of charge (2 Thes. 3:8)
 - iii. They worked hard day and night (2 Thes. 3:8)
 - iv. They laboured and toiled (2 Thes. 3:8)
 - b. Reasons for following their example
 - i. Because it is a command (2 Thes. 3:6,10,12)
 - ii. Because the name of the Lord is at stake (2 Thes. 3:6)
 - iii. Because it is something we ought to do (2 Thes. 3:7)
 - iv. Because we would not be a burden to anyone (2 Thes. 3:8)

2. Following the principle of enjoying the fruit of our labour
 - a. If we do not work, then we should not eat (2 Thes. 3:10)
 - b. If we do work quietly, then we can enjoy the fruit of our labour (2 Thes. 3:12)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you struggle with the problem of laziness?
2. Do you have good reasons to work hard in life?
3. How does God enable us to work even harder?