

We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes

2 Thessalonians 3



Prayer

- Paul requests prayers that the Gospel would have unhindered progress.
- Paul asked the Thessalonians to pray that those on his missionary journey would be protected and delivered from those that were trying to hinder them.
- Even if you are not on the front lines of ministry, you need to be praying for those who are.
- The Bible does not say if the devil attacks, it says when he attacks; there will always be opposition to the Gospel.
- Even today, we need the same protection and prayers for protection that Paul needed.

Work Through the Tiredness

- Many of the Thessalonian Christians had stopped working because they believed that the second coming of Christ was near.
- The Bible tells us over and over and over again to go and make God's name known to all the corners of the Earth.
- Nowhere in the Bible does it command us to wait for the lost to come to us.
- There is no retirement from serving God.
- If the Son of God saw the need to serve until death, then so should we.
- Do not let someone who is doing nothing for the Army of God put out your fire for God.

Work Through the Temptation

- **Paul told the Thessalonians to stay away from those who are avoiding work and are lazy and instead be like him, because he worked.**
- **As Christians, we should be imitating God and Jesus, because when Jesus was here on Earth, He worked.**
- **Jesus never told someone else to do it.**
- **When you serve in ministry, it will always be tempting to quit.**

Work Through the Price

- **When you are working for the Lord, it will cost you something.**
- **Living for Christ includes serving no matter the cost.**
- **When you are working for the Lord, it will cost you something, but it is always worth it:**
 - **Time**
 - **Money**
 - **Energy**
- **Jesus did not die for us to sit back and do nothing, but He died for us to go out and live for Him.**

Avoid the Idle

- Paul warned the church to stay away from those who avoided work and were lazy, because not only can their laziness rub off on you, so can their attitude.
- Those who are idle in their faith want others to be idle as well.
- There is no age requirement for doing what God has called you to do.

Conclusion

- **The world hates Christians, because we stand against the things of the world.**
- **We do not answer to others, but we all answer to God.**
- **One day everyone will stand before God and give an account for everything they have ever done or said including whether you followed what He called you to do or not.**
- **What is God calling you to do?**
- **We must work till Jesus comes.**