



Dealing with Dysfunction part 2

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

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Some passages to inspire generosity toward those with needs

Deuteronomy 15:11 "For the poor will never cease *to be* in the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'

Proverbs 14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who is gracious to the needy honors Him.

Luke 3:9 "And also the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ And the multitudes were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?"

¹¹ And he would answer and say to them, "Let the man who has two tunics share with him who has none; and let him who has food do likewise."

Acts 2:44 And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;

⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Galatians 2:9 and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we *might go* to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

¹⁰ They only *asked* us to remember the poor-- the very thing I also was eager to do.

1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

¹⁷ But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

¹⁸ Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

How to disciple the dysfunctional from 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

1. Stay away from lazy brothers

⁶ Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep aloof from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

2. Follow the example of industrious brothers (work hard night and day and pay your way)

⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,

⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you;

⁹ not because we do not have the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, that you might follow our example.

3. Let lazy brothers go h_____

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone will not work, neither let him eat.

4. I_____ lazy brothers (to stop being busybodies, to be industrious and to pay their way)

¹¹ For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

5. Be industrious in Occupation and m_____

¹³ But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.

1. Stay away from lazy brothers (so that they may experience embarrassment and so that they may experience brotherly correction)

¹⁴ And if anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that man and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame.

¹⁵ And yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Some passages to inspire an industriousness life

1 Timothy 5:1 Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but *rather* appeal to *him* as a father, *to* the younger men as brothers,

² the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

³ Honor widows who are widows indeed;

⁴ but if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family, and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

⁵ Now she who is a widow indeed, and who has been left alone has fixed her hope on God, and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day.

⁶ But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives.

⁷ Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach.

⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

⁹ Let a widow be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, *having been* the wife of one man,

¹⁰ having a reputation for good works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.

¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise,

¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Titus 3:14 And let our *people* also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Acts 20:24 "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

⁸ in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1 Timothy 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

¹⁸ *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.