



# Work and Rest



2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

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## Our Focus Passage

### Work

**2 Thessalonians 3:6** 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.

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

<sup>8</sup> 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;

<sup>9</sup> 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.

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

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

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

<sup>13</sup> But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> And *yet* do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

### Rest

<sup>16</sup> Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

<sup>17</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.

<sup>18</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

## Some similar passages in 1 and 2 Thessalonians

**1 Thessalonians 1:1** Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention *of you* in our prayers;

<sup>3</sup> constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,

<sup>4</sup> knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you;

<sup>5</sup> for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

<sup>6</sup> You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

<sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

<sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

**1 Thessalonians 2:7** But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing *mother* tenderly cares for her own children.

<sup>8</sup> Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

<sup>9</sup> For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, *how* working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

<sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and *so is* God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;

<sup>11</sup> just as you know how we *were* exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father *would* his own children,

<sup>12</sup> so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

**1 Thessalonians 4:9** Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

<sup>10</sup> for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more,

**2 Thessalonians 1:1** Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows *ever* greater;

<sup>4</sup> therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

## Work

**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,

<sup>2</sup> the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

<sup>3</sup> Honor widows who are widows indeed;

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives.

<sup>7</sup> Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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,

<sup>10</sup> 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.

## Rest

**John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

**John 16:32** "Behold, an hour is coming, and has *already* come, for you to be scattered, each to his own *home*, and to leave Me alone; and *yet* I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

<sup>33</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

**John 20:19** When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you."

<sup>20</sup> And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

**John 20:26** And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace *be* with you."

<sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

**Philippians 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

<sup>9</sup> The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.