

II THESSALONIANS 3; November 12; An Example To Follow

ANALYSIS:

1. Paul requested prayer for himself for what two reasons? _____

2. What confidence did Paul delight in concerning the Thessalonians?

3. Into what did Paul ask the Lord to direct their hearts? _____

4. What was Paul's rule for those who were disorderly and who worked not at all? _____
5. What three-fold command applies to any person who does not obey the message of this epistle? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The apostles believed in living and working as examples of godliness. Paul called the Philippians to “be followers together of me” and “have us for an ensample” (Phil 3:17). He enthusiastically commended the Thessalonians for their example to all the saints in their area (I Thes 1:6-8). He reminded them that he did not freeloader off them, but labored night and day to be an example for them to follow (II Thes 3:7-9). Peter also exhorted the elders to be careful to avoid lording it over God's heritage, and to be examples to the flock (I Pet 5:3). Examples are far better teachers than words alone!

Parents are vital examples for their children to follow. Let all of us be an example of a true follower of our Lord Jesus, and bring honor and glory to Him by all our words and deeds.

HELP:

1. That the word of God may have free course and be glorified; and that he might be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men (vs 1-2).
2. That they would do the things he commanded them (v 4).
3. Into the love of God; and the patient waiting for Christ (v 5).
4. If any would not work, neither should he eat; and that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread (vs 10-12).
5. Note that man: [1] have no company with him (that he may be ashamed), [2] count him not as an enemy, [3] but admonish him as a brother (vs 14-15).