

Get to Work! II Thess. 3:6-15

Introduction: The well-researched and fully documented book, *Forged in Faith*, tells of how Biblical principles of work shaped the beginnings of our nation. “This was more than a mere shift in economic policy: it was a faith-based decision to trust God and embrace individual initiative rather than looking to the government as the provider.”¹

I. Withdraw from the _____ (vs. 6-11)

disorderly = Out of ranks. It is a military word that meant the person would break out of line, cause confusion, and creating a gap.

withdraw = to contract, shorten, or avoid. This word is used for the gathering of sails, so the influence of the wind does not move the boat.²

a. *Because he disobeys the instructions of God*

He does not walk after the ‘tradition.’ Now this tradition is that set of beliefs and practices that are handed down.

Romans 12:11 the Bible tells us to be “Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;”

b. *Because you have the example of committed workers*

1.) *PAUL WORKED NIGHT AND DAY*

A true, Bible believing Christian should be the best employee that a company has.

2.) *PAUL HAD THE MINISTERIAL RIGHT TO BE SUPPORTED, BUT DID NOT EXERCISE IT*

c. *Because you must work or lose your right to eat*
Prov. 10:5, Prov. 19:15

d. *Because idlers tend to be busybodies*

Busybodies = those who occupy themselves with the affairs of others.

We are told not to suffer as a busybody (I Peter 4:15)

II. _____ – Every one of You (vs. 12-13)

a. *Earn your own living-quietly*

Titus 2:9

b. *Do not grow weary*

It’s easy to get weary when you feel like you’re the only one doing anything. Paul warns against growing weary.

III. _____ the Disorderly (vs. 14-15)

a. *That He may be Ashamed*

The refusal to work by an able-bodied person is unacceptable.

b. *Warn Him as a Brother*

This discipline is not to be done in a superior spirit. But treat them like a brother and sister needing the admonition of the Lord.

¹Gragg, Rod. *Forged in Faith*. New York, NY: Howard Books, 2010.

² Vine, W.E. *New Testament Word Pictures*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2015.