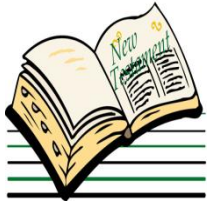


# Sermon Notes



Title: "Discipline in the Body of Christ" Part 1

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Theme: As we follow Paul's example to the Thessalonians, we follow our Lord Jesus Christ who created us to work and exercise godly control over His world. If we neglect discipline in the Church, we neglect discipline in our own lives.

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Command Is to Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brethren (6)

II. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (7-10)

III. Commands to the \_\_\_\_\_ (11-12)

IV. Commands to the \_\_\_\_\_ (13-15)

## V. Applications

A. \_\_\_\_\_ example is the \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ because the \_\_\_\_\_  
were the unique and authoritative representatives and  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel.

B. God designed us to \_\_\_\_\_ and to be  
\_\_\_\_\_ in constructive ways that contribute to  
our own \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_  
of others.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church is necessary to  
\_\_\_\_\_ and promote the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the congregation.

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. What is the central command of this passage (v. 6)?
2. What characterized those who were living this way (v. 6a)?
3. How were these brethren being "idle"?
4. What was Paul's way of living when he was with the Thessalonian believers (vv. 7-8)? Why did Paul act this way (v. 8c)?
5. Did Paul have a right to material and financial support from the church v. (9a)? Why did he forego this right? (v. 9b)?
6. When Paul was with the Thessalonian church, what command did he issue (v. 10)?
7. What did Paul hear about the idle and unruly brethren (v. 11)?
8. What did Paul command those who were idle to do (v. 12)?
9. What two things were the faithful brothers and sisters to do (vv. 13-14)?
10. How were the faithful brethren not to treat those who were living unruly and disorderly lives (v. 15)?
11. How important and necessary is the teaching and the example of the Apostles for today?
12. What traditions are Christians to follow? How authoritative and important are non-Apostolic traditions?
13. Why is work important?
14. What does it mean to be productive? Is it possible to be "busy" and yet not productive?

15. If someone is not willing to work, do you think he should starve?