

## **America Needs an Englishman, Dead for 400 years, to Come Back and Run for President.**

The year was 1609, and it was a bone-chillingly cold winter day when the following order was given to all able bodied men. Nearly all the men on the council that elected this new President were now dead, and there was a need for change.

Countrymen, the long experience of our late miseries, I hope is sufficient to persuade every one to a present correction of himself, and think not that either my pains, nor the [investors'] purses, will ever maintain you in idleness and sloth. I speak not this to you all, for diverse of you I know deserve both honor and reward, better than is yet here to be had: but the greater part must be more industrious, or starve, how ever you have been heretofore tolerated by the authorities of the Council, from that I have often commanded you. You see now that power rests wholly in myself: **you must obey this now for a Law, that he that will not work shall not eat (except by sickness he be disabled)** for the labors of thirty or forty honest and industrious men shall not be consumed to maintain an hundred and fifty idle loiterers. And though you presume the authority here is but a shadow, and that I dare not touch the lives of any but my own must answer it: the Letters patents shall each week be read to you, whose Contents will tell you the contrary. I would wish you therefore without contempt seek to observe these orders set down, for there are now no more Councilors to protect you, nor curb my endeavors. Therefore he that offends, let him assuredly expect his due punishment.

Captain John Smith, President of Jamestown.

<http://www.history.org/foundation/journal/smith.cfm>

We have no idea if John Smith was a believer, or if what Paul wrote inspired him as a leader, but Smith is NOT the originator of such a far-fetched concept of: “he that will not work shall not eat.”

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6–15

**<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.**

Paul is identifying people in the church who are ignoring what they have been taught in a way that is disorderly. Their disorderly conduct is idleness.

Idleness in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is destroying America. At one time, America was known for its work ethic. That is completely gone.

Now the dream is to win it big, so I don't have to work.

**<sup>7</sup>For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;**

Paul is specifically calling to their attention the truth that when they were present at the church at Thessalonica, he and his traveling companion **worked!** *Which provided for all a good example of what the Christian life was all about.*

**<sup>8</sup>Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:**

Moochers. Paul and his companions were not moochers. It was not burdensome to have them staying at your house because they worked.

**<sup>9</sup>Not because we have not power [right], but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.**

As a minister of the gospel, Paul has previously stated that it is right for the minister of the gospel to be paid.

See 1 Corinthians 9:1-14
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**<sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.**

Paul gave them a rule:

America has lost this! It is gone in our society.

God is gone and with God went this rule.

The separation of church of state has kicked God out of society and with God went our morality. The Puritan work ethic is gone. It went out with God and marriage and sexual purity and godly values. It is all linked together.

Socialism is here and with it is wealth redistribution.

Lottery winners file bankruptcy in an alarming and disproportionate rate in comparison to people who earn their wealth.

Consider the New Jobs Bill: Two years of unemployment is unbiblical! And now there is a suggestion to increase it to three years.

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GOD worked and works.

The “work of God” the exact words “the work of God” appears throughout the Bible. Consider the work of:

- Creation
- Sustainment of the Universe
- Provisionally
- Judgment
- Redemption (Salvation)

Jesus was a mighty worker while he was on this planet. The Holy Spirit is a worker. The Spirit works to convict you and me of sin and illuminate scripture!

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Six days shalt thou do thy work and on the Sabbath we rest.

The FALL of man did not introduce work; Adam already ready had a work to do before he fell.

God’s plan is not for you to make enough money so you don’t have to work; if you are good at making lots of money, that is a gift from God, and the purpose of such a gift is to GIVE back to organizations and others who are not as gifted as you.

Working hard is GOD-glorifying. Working hard on a sports team is God-glorifying!

Andrew Tyler Hansbrough (born November 3, 1985) is an American basketball player for the Indiana Pacers. Hansbrough completed a college basketball career with the North Carolina Tar Heels men's basketball team in 2009, and was drafted into the NBA by the Indiana Pacers with the 13th pick of the 1st round of the 2009 NBA Draft. Hansbrough was a unanimous selection for the 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Atlantic Coast Conference All Conference Team,[1] 2006 ACC Freshman of the Year, and 2008 ACC Player of the Year. He is the ACC's all-time leading scorer. In 2008, he won the Wooden Award and was the National Player of the Year. His jersey (number 50) was retired on February 10, 2010 during a Duke-North Carolina rivalry game.

The single thing I remember most about Tyler was in an article I read in 2009. That's the year Carolina beat Michigan State 89 to 72 to win the Division I championship, and in the article Coach Roy Williams talked about Tyler's "work ethic."

Working hard on your studies is God-glorifying.

Scoring high on PSAT and SATs is God-glorifying when you worked hard at doing well.

Throwing a project together at the last minute with not much work isn't God-glorifying!

It is sinful to put more effort into winning a stupid video game than working hard with your hands.

The KJV says Paul labored more abundantly, but listen to the ESV rendering of the Greek:

1 Corinthians 15:10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, **I worked harder** than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

**<sup>11</sup>For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.**

These are people who are on facebook all the time because they are lazy and are not willing to work.

**It is swinish and sinful not to labor.**

Puritan Richard Baxter

I want to talk about ANGRY BIRDS; 3 days ago, September 13, 2011 USA Today reported that **'Angry Birds' tops 350 million downloads.** This is exactly what Paul is talking about. I was on the plane, and I watched a man, not a child, a man, a grown man who claimed to be a Christian play Angry Birds on his IPAD for an hour. I can't think of a more unproductive thing to do for an hour than play 'Angry Birds.' Games like Angry Birds are killing the Puritan Work ethic in America.

**<sup>12</sup>Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.**

As an apostle of Christ, Paul uses his apostolic authority to command the followers of Christ in this city to work.

**<sup>13</sup>But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.**

Paul reminds those who are hard workers to not grow weary in being a hard worker.

God has a reward for hard workers.

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

**<sup>14</sup>And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.**

## **Conclusion**

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How serious of a problem is this? This is what this says: You are not to hang around such a person.

Nothing will distinguish you more as an adult in the work force of America than:

- 1) Being a man or woman of integrity.
- 2) Being noticed as a hard worker.

Paul said: "I worked harder than the rest of them."

Let me encourage you to make it your ambition in life to say "I played harder than the rest of them"; "I worked harder than the rest of them"; "I studied harder than the rest of them."