



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 24, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“How to Avoid Idleness”

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

1. Keep away from lazy Christians. (2 Thessalonians 3:6)
2. Follow the example of energetic believers. (2 Thessalonians 3:7-9)

3. The importance of work and industry (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)

4. The need for discipline and encouragement (2 Thessalonians 3:13-18)

Table Talk

- 1) How have you become lazy during this time of “stay at home”? In what ways have you had to work harder than before?
- 2) Why are we supposed to stay away from lazy Christians? Why does Paul not say, “Stay away from lazy unbelievers”? (v. 6)
- 3) Who are your good examples of energetic service for Christ? What do you see in them? How does Paul remind his readers of his own good example? Is he bragging? Should we point to ourselves as good examples of virtue? (vv. 7-9)
- 4) Why is it important that people not be rewarded for laziness? How is that happening today? Why is it dangerous for the government to provide stimulus money in exchange for obedience to the “stay at home” rules? (vv. 10-12)
- 5) What is the place for church discipline today? Why do people rebel against their church’s attempt to discipline them? (vv. 13-15)
- 6) What is the place for church encouragement today? What is biblical “peace”? How is it related to grace? (vv. 16-18)