



## **“Work Extremes”**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Message series: “Work That Matters”

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<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

### **Outline of 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13:**

- A. Steer clear of lazy believers. (v6)
- B. Set the right example. (vv7-9)
- C. Stick to the command. (v10)
- D. See the “bigger” issue. (v11)
- E. Stay the course. (vv12-13)

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## What is God saying to us in 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13?

1. Know that **laziness** is a negative influence on others and a horrible **witness** for the Gospel.
2. Know that hard work **garners** respect and **adorns** the Gospel.
3. Know the importance of **watching** your life and **doctrine** closely.
4. Know that an **unproductive** life leads to a **“busybody”** lifestyle.
5. Know how to discern between the **inability** to work and the **unwillingness** to work.
6. Know Christ is coming again, so let His **return** push you to **excellence**.

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