

2 Thessalonians

Chapter 3 Bible Study

Day 1 (Week 10)

Paul's Request for Prayer

¹ Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. ² Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer. ³ But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. ⁴ And we are confident in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we commanded you. ⁵ May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.

An Exhortation to Proper Living

⁶ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stay away from all believers who live idle lives and don't follow the tradition they received from us. ⁷ For you know that you ought to imitate us. We were not idle when we were with you. ⁸ We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it. We worked hard day and night so we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We certainly had the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an example to follow. ¹⁰ Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat."

¹¹ Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. ¹² We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living. ¹³ As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good.

¹⁴ Take note of those who refuse to obey what we say in this letter. Stay away from them so they will be ashamed. ¹⁵ Don't think of them as enemies, but warn them as you would a brother or sister.

Paul's Final Greetings

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.

¹⁷ HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING—PAUL. I DO THIS IN ALL MY LETTERS TO PROVE THEY ARE FROM ME.

¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Questions

1. What two things did Paul ask people to pray for his for in verse 1 & 2? _____

2. What two things is the Lord faithful to do according to verse 3? _____

3. What did Paul pray that the Lord would do? (V5) _____

4. What did Paul command believers to stay away from? (V6) _____

5. What pay did Paul receive for his work in the ministry? (V8) _____

6. According to the Bible, how much food should you receive if you don't eat? (V10)

7. What did Paul command that idle people that don't work should do? (V12) _____

8. What did Paul say to do towards people who refused to obey what was written in this letter? (4 things from V14,15) _____

Reflection/Application: What is the one thing that really stood out to you, and how can you apply it to your life? _____

Prayer Guide: Based upon the **first** part of the Lord's Prayer (*Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy*), honor God by telling Him how wonderful He is ... God You Are wonderful, loving, forgiving, _____ (Praise Him).

Answer Key

1. a) Pray that god's message will spread rapidly and be honored. B) Pray that they would be rescued from wicked and evil people.
2. The Lord will a) Strengthen you b) Guard you from the evil one.
3. Lead our hearts into a full understanding and expression of the Love of God.
4. Stay away from those who live idle lives and don't follow the tradition they received through him (Paul), from God.
5. Paul did not take anything for his ministry.
6. No food.
7. Settle down and work to earn their own living.
8. a) Take note of them. b) Stay away from them. c) Don't think of them as enemies. d) Warn them.