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Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12

Title: Don't Miss the Will God in Your Busy Life

Context: Today, we have a great lesson from Paul. He calls out some lazy Christians who were part of the church at Thessalonica. Apparently, they were capable of working, but instead chose to take advantage of the community for free stuff. They abused the generosity of some of the wealthy Christians, who likely felt obligated to keep feeding them and taking care of them.

WAYS TO DEAL WITH LAZINESS:

1. Stay away from lazy people.

“In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brethren, to keep away from everyone who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us” (2Thessalonians 3:6)

2. Follow Godly examples of diligence

A. Don't be afraid of being an honest laborer.

“We were not idle when we were with you...” (2Thessalonians 3:7b)

B. Avoid an entitlement mentality.

“nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it.” (2 Thessalonians 3:8a)

C. Work hard to avoid being a burden to others.

“On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:8b)

“Cursed is the one who trusts in humankind...” (Jeremiah 17:5)

D. Realize that your life is a role model for others.

“We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.” (2 Thessalonian 3:9)

Conclusion: How can we apply Apostle Paul's principles of diligence?

1. Stay away from laziness or lazy people

2. Follow Godly examples of Spiritual diligence

What can you act on this week?