

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT THESSALONICA**  
(2 Thessalonians 3:6-12) Pt 1

**I. Paul's ENCOURAGEMENT In Light of Their Present Persecution (chp 1)**

**II. Paul's EXPLANATION Concerning the Coming "Day of the Lord" (chp 2)**

**III. Paul's Practical EXHORTATIONS to These Saints (3:1-16)**

**A. Paul Requests Their Prayer Support (3:1-2)**

**B. Paul's Reminder That God Was Faithfully At Work In This Church (3:3-5)**

**C. Paul's Exhortation To \_\_\_\_\_ From Certain Disorderly Believers At Thessalonica (3:6-12)**

1. What is the issue at hand?... there were charges of \_\_\_\_\_ concerning some believers in this local assembly.

"walk" (peripateo)

"disorderly" (ataktos)

2. The command this church was to obey was " \_\_\_\_\_ " from every disorderly believer.

Matthew 18 on church discipline

- In whose authority was this command given? (3:6)

3. What was the standard they were to go by? "... according to the \_\_\_\_\_ you received from us".

"the tradition" (paradosis)

4. The basis of this exhortation.... "for you yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ how you \_\_\_\_\_ to follow us"

"know" ((oida)

“ought” (dei)

- What kind of *work example* had Paul given them? He states 3 things of note:
  - a. We were not \_\_\_\_\_ among you (3:7b)
  - b. Nor did we eat any one’s \_\_\_\_\_ free of charge (3:8a)
  - c. Rather we \_\_\_\_\_ with labor & toil night & day (3:8b)
- Why did Paul do this?
- Doesn’t scripture teach that spiritual leaders are to be provided for financially & materially by fellow believers? ( 1 Cor 9:4-ff; Galatians 6:6)
- Why did Paul & His team not follow the guidelines laid out in scripture? (3:9b)
- Is this work issue something he had previously addressed? (3:10)
- How did Paul come to know about this issue in their church? (3:11a)
- What is a “busybody”?
- What were Paul’s words to the busybodies? (3:12)

How does all this apply to you today?