

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

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 ones _____ 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 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?