

Bible Study for November 7-13, 2022

Read: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Notes:

Some may wonder just why there was a need for 2 Thessalonians when 1 Thessalonians appears to have been written only months before. It would appear that the first letter caused some serious misunderstandings in the congregation of Thessalonica which needed clarification. Thus, the need for a second letter.

In the first letter, Paul had warned that the second coming of Christ could be very near, so the people ought to prepare themselves. Such news apparently encouraged the people to give up their normal pursuits (such as paid work) in order to be prepared, requiring others to take up the burden of providing for them. The result was that such people were idle with little to do. For this reason, Paul urged them to stand fast and keep busy.

Questions to Ponder:

What was your first paid job?

How long or hard did you work at it? What did you do with your earnings?

Have you ever been exposed to a co-worker who wouldn't do their fair share? How do you react to such people?

What model does Paul leave for others to follow?

Spiritually, do you consider yourself to be idle, a busybody, a worrywart, or a workaholic? What is God's word to you here?