

Discipline of the Disorderly
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Scripture Lesson is 2 Thessalonians 3:6-16 **This is an excerpt from the message.**

Verse 7: For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us; for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you. Those who planted religion among them had set a good example before them; and the ministers of the gospel should be examples to the flock. They took pains in their ministry, in preaching the gospel, and in getting their own living.

Verse 8: Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you. Though they just could have demanded sustenance, because those who preach the gospel may of right expect to live by the gospel. 1 Cor 9:14 This is a just debt that people owe to their ministers, and the apostle had power or authority to have demanded this.

Verse 9: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. But he waived his right from affection to them, for the sake of the gospel and to rather be an example. That they might learn how to fill up time, and always be employed in something that would turn to good account.

Verse 10: For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. It was a proverbial speech among the Jews, He who does not labor does not deserve to eat. The laborer is worthy of his meat; but what is the loiterer worthy of? It is the will of God that every man should have a calling, and mind his calling, and make a business of it, and that none should live like useless drones of the world.

The disorderly persons in the church should be carefully disciplined.