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1 & 2 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"

Session 20

2 Thessalonians 3 (NKJV)

"A proper response to the Day of the Lord"

Paul has made clear the doctrine of the Lord's return. Unfortunately, there are many believers at Thessalonica that were abusing this truth. Rather than a response of diligence to the Word, and in their walk and work, they were being idle; living off other peoples efforts. We must do more than simply believe the doctrine of Christ's return; we must respond to it by the way we order our lives. As you study this week's lesson, consider the order of your own life. Does your walk and your work reveal one who believes the Lord could return at anytime?

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

Paul begins with a request for prayer. Prayer should be are first order of business as a follower of Jesus. What does Paul ask them to pray for as it relates to his ministry and for him personally as he continues in it?

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

What is Paul "confident" the Lord will faithfully do with the word he proclaims, and that they will do as a result?

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6

In reference to their walk, what does Paul command them to do about those who "walk disorderly"? What is it that those who walk disorderly are "not" doing?

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:7

In contrast to a withdrawal from those who walk disorderly, or in disobedience, what does Paul tell them they “ought” to do, and why?

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:8-9

What “example” does Paul give of himself that he says they should follow? What was Paul’s heart for the example he set?

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11

What does Paul say about those who won’t work? There is a spiritual reason why this is important. What does v.11 say often become of those who won’t work?

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:12-13

What does Paul “command and exhort” those who are idle busybodies? And what does he tell those who have been doing the things he commanded as they faithfully wait for the Lord’s return?

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

How are those who are NOT walking in a disorderly way to respond to those who are? Even as they are admonishing them by doing this, how are they still to perceive them?

Group Discussion:

Does the reality that the Lord could return at any time now affect the way you live your life? Are you busy about your Father's business or are you busy getting into everyone else's business? How do you represent the Lord at your job and at your home? Where do you need to change; to grow? Pray in your groups that the Lord will "establish you and guard you from the evil one" as you strive to be not just a hearer of the Word, but a doer.

Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

"But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good."

2 Thessalonians 3:13