

Idleness

Scripture: **2 Thessalonians 3:6–13**

Series: **Future Grace for Godliness**

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Overview

In this passage, Paul warns the Thessalonians against the idleness. They are to reject idleness and embrace their work joyfully. **The Gospel gives life to passionate work.**

Corraborating Texts

Proverbs 26:14, Romans 4:1-8, Colossians 3:17, 23, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Discussion Questions

1. What makes idleness a sin? [See Gen. 2:15—the command to work was given by God in the beginning before sin entered the world and thus isn't a curse but God's design.]
2. Idleness can take the form of laziness, but it can also take the form of neglecting to do the work God has willed for us? In what ways are you guilty of idleness?
3. How does the Gospel practically motivate us to work (in our homes/families, at our jobs, etc.)? As Christians, how are we to view work?
4. What does our passionate work—or lack thereof—say to the unbelieving world around us?
5. We are all guilty of idleness. What is our hope? [Jesus worked passionately and perfectly for the glory of His father and the good of others. Our souls can rest in this—that Jesus' righteousness is credited to us in this way. We do not have to achieve a certain level of "working hard" to atone for our idleness; yet, at the same time, we are empowered by Him to work in this life.]