

After listening to the recording of Class #12 of our continuing study of Second Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

## **Second Thessalonians Class #12**

### **#1. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10-15**

- A. Did Paul ever teach the saints in Thessalonica about working?
- B. What was the order (command) given toward those who were unwilling to work?
- C. Is there a difference between those who cannot work vs. those who will not work?
- D. If we give bread to those who refuse to work, are we really helping the Lord's work?
- E. According to verse 6, is this whole context about everyone or specifically to brethren?
- F. Would you find it difficult to honor the Lord and know a brother is going hungry?
- G. Is this passage all "theoretical" or are there actually brethren in Thessalonica who are unwilling to work (& have the ability)?
- H. How does Paul describe the actions of those who lead an undisciplined life?
- I. Does the wicked mindset stop at just being lazy or does it regress further?
- J. What is a busybody? Do you enjoy sticking your nose in other people's business?
- K. What is Jesus' command to the brethren with undisciplined lives? Busybodies?
- L. Is it wearisome to deal with brethren who are lazy, unruly, & undisciplined?
- M. Do the love of God & the steadfastness of Christ encourage our hearts in dealing with these types of situations? What happens if love & steadfastness are absent?
- N. What is the instruction given toward those who rebel against these commands?
- O. What is the hope of not associating with the brethren who are unwilling to work?
- P. How should we regard the rebel who will not work? Why does it matter?
- Q. The overall goal is that they would repent for the sake of their soul, and work in a quiet fashion, eating their own bread. Is it easy to lose sight of this focused goal?

### **#2. Read Ephesians 4:28**

- A. What are we to perform with our own hands?
- B. What is the goal in laboring, when seeing someone in need?
- C. Does it matter if they are a brother/sister who is unruly & a busybody?

### **#3. Read Ephesians 6:5-8**

- A. Is there a parallel between these verses in the first century & workers today?
- B. Does the Lord have expectations for us as we work, even if among the lost?
- C. Who are we actually working for, no matter where we work?
- D. Which aspects of these expectations do you find difficult? Which ones are Easy?
- E. Is there are promise to receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free?