

2 Thessalonians

The Revelation of the Lord Jesus from Heaven

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2 Thessalonians 3:7

⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to **follow our example**, because **we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you**,

1 Peter 5:1–3; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7–8

1 Thessalonians 1:6

1 Thessalonians 2:10

2 Thessalonians 3:8

⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you;

1 Thessalonians 2:5, 9

2 Thessalonians 3:9

⁹ not because we do not have **the right to this**, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example.

1 Corinthians 9:11–14

2 Thessalonians 3:10

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not **willing to work**, then he is not to eat, either.

1 Thessalonians 4:11–12

2 Thessalonians 3:11

¹¹ For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like **busybodies**.

1 Timothy 5:13

2 Thessalonians 3:12

¹² Now **such persons** we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to **work in quiet fashion** and to eat their own bread.

1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:6

1 Thessalonians 4:11; Ephesians 4:28