

The Christian Work Ethic

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10

Commands for Christian Living (3:1-15).

1. God's glory is advanced by the spread of the gospel (3:1-5)
2. God 's glory is advance by His people living a disciplined life (3:6-15)
 - Exhortation to avoid believers who refuse to work (3:6)
 - Example of the Apostolic team working to support themselves (3:7-9)
 - Ethic of work (3:10)

APPLICATIONS

1. Work is a creation ordinance, and as such, is an inherit component of being in the image of God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:15).
2. Work acquired the characteristic of toil through the fall (Gen. 3:17), but has been restored to the level of worship through redemption in Christ (Col. 3:23-24).
3. Work is an expression of brotherly love that frees the believer from dependence on others (1 Thess. 2:9).
4. Work is a visible witness that God uses to win the respect of unbelievers (1 Thess. 4:11-12).
5. Work enables believers to relieve the needs of the misfortunate and to promote good works in the church (Eph. 4:28).

