

PAUL TO A "T"  
**2 THESSALONIANS 3**

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.*

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**Lesson 10 • 2 Thessalonians 3 • December 7, 2011**

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of 2 Thessalonians 2 was helpful to you?

**SECTION I: Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**

2. From **V1-2**, summarize the authors' prayer requests.
3. Why was it important to the writers that "the brothers" pray these specific requests for them?
4. Paul addressed the Thessalonians as "brothers" 5 times in this chapter, and 23 times overall in the 2 Thessalonian letters.
- a) What strikes you about this, especially given Paul was an apostle and their spiritual father?
- b) Share about a time when you've experienced the mutual encouragement of prayer with leaders, mentors, or others in your life.

5. In your own words, how did the writers then spur on the Thessalonians in their faith?

V3 \_\_\_\_\_

V4 \_\_\_\_\_

V5 \_\_\_\_\_

6. What situation or relationship needs your heart directed into God's love and Christ's perseverance today?

**SECTION II: Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15**

7. Re-word the command given in **V6**.
8. How emphatic are the authors in giving this command?
- a) Give words or phrases from **V6-10** to support your answer.
- b) What explanation did Paul give for this emphasis on such a work ethic?
9. a) Read **V11** and describe what could have been going on in the Thessalonian church.
- b) Given how you answered part a), how are you prone to this, or when have you observed this in a church setting?
10. How can we gently encourage ourselves and each other "to settle down?" Give practical suggestions.
11. In what arena of your life do you find you can "tire of doing what is right?" (**V13**)

12. Write a truth based on **V13** together with Galatians 6:9 and tell how it encourages you.

13. What is the tough love message behind **V14-15**?

**SECTION III: Read 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18**

14. a) Jesus is named “the Lord of Peace” in **V16**. How does this bring comfort to you today?

b) What would be different in your life if you lived with His peace at all times and in every way?

15. 2 Thessalonians is full of encouragements and warnings to this young church. Choose 1 encouragement and 1 warning that you will pray for yourself and/or a young believer in your life.

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**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Paul taught a healthy work ethic by example and gave clear instructions in 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15.

a) What else do you learn from the following Scripture regarding God’s view of work?

Genesis 2:15,18\_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 18:9\_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25\_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 15:58\_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 2:10\_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 3:23-24\_\_\_\_\_

b) What new thoughts grabbed your attention regarding the concept of “work” versus “being idle?”

