

The World At Your Fingertips

The Rapidly Developing Culture Of Cyberspace
From The Series "Thriving In Challenging Times" - Part 6

2 Thessalonians 3:1-15 (The Message)

Three Challenges -The Ancient World & The Online World:

The Rapid Spread Of Information

(1) One more thing, friends: Pray for us. Pray that the Master's Word will simply take off and race through the country to a groundswell of response, just as it did among you.

Exposure To All Kinds Of People

(2-5) And pray that we'll be rescued from these scoundrels who are trying to do us in. I'm finding that not all "believers" are believers. But the Master never lets us down. He'll stick by you and protect you from evil. Because of the Master, we have great confidence in you. We know you're doing everything we told you and will continue doing it. May the Master take you by the hand and lead you along the path of God's love and Christ's endurance.

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The Negative Expenditures Of Time & Energy

(6-15) Our orders—backed up by the Master, Jesus—are to refuse to have anything to do with those among you who are lazy and refuse to work the way we taught you. Don't permit them to freeload on the rest. We showed you how to pull your weight when we were with you, so get on with it. We didn't sit around on our hands expecting others to take care of us. In fact, we worked our fingers to the bone, up half the night moonlighting so you wouldn't be burdened with taking care of us. And it wasn't because we didn't have a right to your support; we did. We simply wanted to provide an example of diligence, hoping it would prove contagious. Don't you remember the rule we had when we lived with you? "If you don't work, you don't eat." And now we're getting reports that a bunch of lazy good-for-nothings are taking advantage of you. (and wasting time meddling in other people's business. NLT) This must not be tolerated. We command them to get to work immediately—no excuses, no arguments—and earn their own keep. Friends, don't slack off in doing your duty. If anyone refuses to obey our clear command written in this letter, don't let him get by with it. Point out such a person and refuse to subsidize his freeloading. Maybe then he'll think twice. But don't treat him as an enemy. Sit him down and talk about the problem as someone who cares.

1 I _____ /L _____ 2 Poor W _____ E _____ 3 B _____

Practical Advice:

B _____ Your C _____ L _____ With The Rest Of Your Life.

Understand The N _____ For B _____ And Apply Them.

3 Problems That Make You More Vulnerable Online:

1 O _____ 2 False S _____ of S _____ 3 High Level S _____

Filter E _____ !!

2 Corinthians 10:5 We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ.