

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

⁶In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

¹¹We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹²Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. ¹³And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

¹⁴If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. ¹⁵Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.



SERMON NOTES

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Family Traditions

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Does your family have holiday traditions?

Does the church (family) have traditions?

"According to the *teaching* you received..." (v. 6)

paradosis – "things handed down"; NASV – "tradition"

Traditions are a set of truths/values/behaviors passed down from the apostles with the expectation that believers would imitate the example.

- **HARD WORK** (ministry)

¹¹Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹²so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody." (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

- **HIS WORD** (obedience)

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we *command* you..." (v. 6a)

- **TOUGH LOVE** (church discipline)

"If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed."
(v. 14)

"If I get stoned and stay out all night long, it's a family tradition."
--Hank Williams, Jr.