



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, fill us each with Your will for us and plans for this day. Keep us all safe and guide us in the right pathways. Go before us, behind us, above us, and below us; protect us from all harm. Bless us with good health. Supply all our needs, and bless us with our daily bread, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship Music

Fire Works

Heart Of God, Abba Father-
Chuck Girard

All I Want-Chuck Girard

Don't Shoot the wounded——
Chuck Girard

Scripture 2 Thessalonians 3 (KJV; 2005)

2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 (KJV)

¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:

² And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.

³ But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep *you* from evil.

⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

⁵ And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

⁶ Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

⁷ For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

⁸ Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

⁹ Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

¹¹ For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

¹² Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

¹³ But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

¹⁴ And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

¹⁵ Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

¹⁶ Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.

¹⁷ The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

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Pray for us (vv. 1-2), that we may be delivered from "wicked and evil men." At that very time Paul was in trouble in Corinth, and their prayers on Paul's behalf were answered (Acts 18:9-10).

The idle (vv. 6-15; KJV, disorderly) were lazy people who took advantage of the charitable disposition of the church (see 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10) and used the expectation of the immediate appearance of the Lord as an excuse for abandoning their ordinary occupations. They claimed the right to be supported by the members in the church who were well off. Paul was an ardent advocate of charity toward those who were really in need, and he spent a good deal of time collecting gifts of money for the poor. But he spared no words in condemning the able bodied who could work but would not. In these verses he positively forbids the church to support such people he even commands the church not to associate with them. There is nothing in the teaching of Paul, or of Christ, or anywhere in the Bible, to encourage charity to able bodied, lazy people who make begging their profession. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; Henry Halley; history and commentaries; page 834)

VV. 1-2 Paul asked the Thessalonians to pray: 1. The Word of God would flow freely through Him. 2. God would deliver him from unreasonable men. VV.6-12 Some of the brethren in the church weren't working to support themselves. Paul used himself as an example, for when he was in Thessalonica he paid his own expenses by working. V. 17 Paul brought attention to his signature, so they'd be able to identify his epistles and not be misled by false letter. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes & commentaries; page 128-129)

The Bible instructs us in 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 to work. Why is that?

I believe people are happier and experience more joy and peace in life when they use their resources and work. We all have a built-in knowledge that it is right to make progress and wrong to sit idle and watch life pass us by.

People who do nothing are often jealous of those who prosper. I encourage you not to be jealous of what others have if you are not willing to do what they did to get it.

God expects us to manage the resources He gives us and to use them wisely so they will increase. When we follow God's instruction to work, it may be hard at times, but we will reap blessings and fulfillment in life that idle people do not possess.

Doing what is right occasionally or for a short while will not bring the breakthroughs we need in life. Second Thessalonians 3:13 exhorts us to continue doing the right thing. We must do it over and over and over, and when we feel ourselves becoming weary, we should go to God and wait on Him to give us fresh strength so we are enabled by His grace to press through to the completion of His will.

Doing what is right when we do not seem to be getting right results is difficult, but it must be done. When a farmer plants seed in the ground, he must keep his patient vigil over it until it finally sprouts and produces a harvest. It is a process that takes time and effort. If the farmer gives up on his garden and stops caring for it, he will miss the joy of harvest.

One of Satan's favorite things to do to us is to try to get us to give up! However, God tells us to endure, persist, continue, and finish. He teaches us to be longsuffering, patient, determined, and steadfast.

My experience has taught me that I often have to treat other people rightly for a long time before they begin to treat me the same way. I have to do the right thing with a right attitude for a long time before I start getting right results. Just as natural seed finally takes root and the beginning of a plant breaks through the ground, we also will see breakthrough if we continue to do the right thing, regardless of what others do.

People frequently give up too easily. When their feelings quit on them, they quit too. *I have learned that I can feel wrong and still choose to do what is right.* One sign of spiritual maturity is the ability to live beyond our feelings. People who are spiritually mature live by decisions made based on God's Word, not on how they feel. When we advance to this stage of growth we are well on our way to a wonderful harvest that will leave us amazed.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Scripture, notes, commentaries; 2005; Pages 1988-1991)

Study Questions:

1. We see that the Thessalonians were suffering persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ. What does 2 Thessalonians 1:5; Romans 8:17-18, and 1 Peter 4:12-13 say about our sufferings?

2. Paul was reassuring the Thessalonians that the persecution they were suffering was not the Day of Judgment. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, what two things must happen before the Great Tribulation begins?

3. Based on 2 Thessalonians 2:13 and Acts 13: 48, what choice did God make before we had faith to believe?

4. Because the way we live is a witness to the world around us. Paul was warning Christians against idleness. What command did he give in 2 Thessalonians 3:10 ?

5. There are so many wonderful attributes about the Lord for which we are thankful. What do you see about Jesus in 2 Thessalonians 3:3 and 3:16? Why are you thankful for these attributes today?

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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