

SERMON SERIES: THE UNSHAKABLE FRAME

THE WORKING AND ACCOUNTABLE CHURCH 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

INTRODUCTION:

In this message, we will meditate on three (3) facets of The Working and Accountable Church.

- **"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing" (2 Thess 3:13).**

A healthy church honors God through responsible, disciplined work and loving community accountability: which leads to our First Main Point!

I. THE CALL TO RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP (vv. 6-9)

- A. The Command to Withdraw (v. 6)**
- B. Leadership by Example (vv. 7-8; 1 Cor 11:1)**
- C. The Purpose of Stewardship (v. 9; Luke 10:7; 1 Tim 5:18; 1 Tim 3:8; Titus 1:7; 1 Pet 5:2)**

Living responsibly by example sets the baseline, but the church must also be willing to put clear and firm boundaries around active laziness: which leads to our Second Main Point!

II. THE COMMAND FOR PRODUCTIVE LABOR (vv. 10-12)

- A. The Practical Boundary (v. 10)**
- B. The Danger of Idleness (v. 11)**
- C. The Command to Settle Down (v. 12)**

Correcting these practical, everyday issues requires tough conversations, which means the church must know how to hold people accountable without losing its heart: which leads to our Third and Final Main Point!

III. THE MINISTRY OF LOVING DISCIPLINE (vv. 13-18; Gal 6:9)

- A. Enduring in Goodness**
- B. Restorative Accountability (vv. 14-15; Matt 18:15-20)**
- C. The Benediction of Peace (vv. 16-18; Num 6:26)**

CONCLUSION:

- A. "A healthy church requires hands that work, hearts that give, and a community that holds each other accountable – because we cannot build the kingdom of God if we are busy being burdens to one another." – Charles Spurgeon**

- B. Church, let us step forward today with a renewed commitment to our shared calling.**
Let us be a people who work hard without relying on entitlement, give generously without enabling laziness, and love one another deeply enough to speak the truth in discipline.

- C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).