Welcome To

Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." **Col 1:28**

"How To Live in Light of the Second Coming"

"No Work – No Eat"

2 Thess. 3:6-12

May 3, 2015

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- 11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.
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I. Presumption & Abrogation

- "to presume something that leads you to negate your responsibilities"
- 11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.
- περιεργαζομαι to run around looking like you're busy, talking to other people, mooching off of them.

Luke 19:11-13

- 11 While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.
- 12 So He said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return.
- 13 "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, 'Do business with this until I come back.'

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II. Work

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Gen 2:2-3

- 2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Gen 2:15

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

Gen 3:17-19

- 17 Cursed is the ground because of you;
- In toil you will eat of it
- All the days of your life.
- 18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
- And you will eat the plants of the field;
- 19 By the sweat of your face
- You will eat bread,
- Till you return to the ground,
- Because from it you were taken;
- For you are dust,
- And to dust you shall return."

Ex 20:8-9

- 8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

3 principles concerning "work":

- 1. Work is valuable because it gives man dignity, selfworth, meaning in life, and a sense of accomplishment.
- 2. The curse did not create work but rather changed the nature of work, it made it difficult.
- You have to eat to live, but you have to sweat to eat, so if you don't sweat you don't eat and if you don't eat you die.
 - 19 By the sweat of your face
 - You will eat bread,
 - Till you return to the ground,

III. Compensation

- 8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship ($\mu o \chi \theta o \sigma$) we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden ($\epsilon \pi \iota \beta \alpha \rho \epsilon \omega$) to any of you;
- 9 not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model $(\tau \upsilon \pi \sigma \sigma)$ for you, so that you would follow $(\mu \iota \mu \epsilon \sigma \mu \alpha \iota)$ our example.

Gal 6:6

6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

1 Cor 9:9-14

- 9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING." God is not concerned about oxen, is He?
- 10 Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher to thresh in hope of sharing the crops.
- 11 If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?
- 12 If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.
- 13 Do you not know that those who perform sacred services eat the food of the temple, and those who attend regularly to the altar have their share from the altar?
- 14 So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.

1 Tim 5:17-18

- 17 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.
- 18 For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

IV. Confrontation

12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet $(\eta \sigma \upsilon \chi \iota \alpha)$ fashion and eat their own bread.

Matt 18:15-17

- 15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.
- 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.
- 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

1 Thess 4:10-12

10 But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more,

- 11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you,
- 12 so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

1 Thess 5:14

14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

2 Thess 3:6

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V. Separation

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away ($\sigma\tau\epsilon\lambda\lambda\omega$) from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

Josh 23:6-7

- 6 "Be very firm, then, to keep and do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you may not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left,
- 7 so that you will not associate with these nations, these which remain among you, or mention the name of their gods, or make anyone swear by them, or serve them, or bow down to them.

1 Kings 11:1-2

- 1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,
- 2 from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods."

Prov 24:21-22

- 21 My son, fear the Lord and the king;
- Do not associate with those who are given to change,
- 22 For their calamity will rise suddenly,

1 Cor 5:9-13

- 9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;
- 10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world.
- 11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any socalled brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler — not even to eat with such a one.
- 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?
- 13 But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

1 Cor 6:3

3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?

Why separation?

 Because they are violating a clear principle of Scripture, "No work – No Bread – No Eat", that will have disastrous consequences in the church. "It should not be forgotten that the duty of separation, whether primary or secondary, is laid upon us in the Bible by the infinite kindness of God. Far from being loveless, it is a Gospel-preserving and a church-protecting duty. It is designed for our blessing and power. It is to keep us from a thousand snares and heartaches."

- Peter Masters

Pastor

Metropolitan Tabernacle, London

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- 2. Because they are disorderly, they are upsetting the whole order that God designed. The godly response is to break fellowship, to separate.
- 3. Because we are not going to enable them to go on mooching off of other believers. Theyneed to get a job.

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