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“The second coming of Christ is more than a doctrine to examine and study; it is a truth to grip our lives and make us better Christians. It is not enough to know about His coming or to believe it; we must practice it in daily life. Unfortunately, some of the believers at Thessalonica were abusing the doctrine of Christ’s return. In this final chapter, Paul exhorted them to change their ways. There are three practical admonitions here.” Weirsbe

I. Pray and Be Patient (3:1–5). Read the following verses and write an adjective or description about the Word (one word or more words).

1 Thess. 1:8 _____

Heb. 4:22 _____

1 Thess. 2:13 _____

- 2 Thess. 3:3 - Who is faithful and what is promised? _____
- (verse 4) - Where did they place their confidence? _____
- (verse 5) - Your heart needs to be directed by _____

Sum up in your own words the relationship between the Word (found in the first part) and the actions of your life (found in the second part). _____

II. Work If You Want to Eat (3:6–13). Re-read verses 6 - 13 and answer the following

questions:

- A.** Those who did not work were not to be given any _____ .
- B.** Did this apply to those with legitimate needs, who could not work? _____
(see Acts 6)
- C.** How are we to re-act toward lazy Christians (see v.4). _____
What should be the intent of our reaction? _____
- D.** Does this only apply to work (occupation) or do you think it applies to church as well? _____
- E.** How do “lazy” Christians tend to occupy their time? (v.11) _____
- F.** What priority is placed upon taking care of yourself and your family if possible? _____

What is the effect on a society when these guideline are not adhered to? _____

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III. Hear the Word and Do It (3:14–18). Weirsbe makes the following statements about this section: Read each and discuss it's meaning to you:

- A.** The Word of God is to be heard and obeyed - _____

- B.** If each Christian would obey the Word of God, the church would be holier, happier, and more effective in witness and service - _____

- C.** We can have peace in our hearts if we surrender to Christ, believe His promises, and look for His return. _____
- D.** This peace comes from His presence: "The Lord be with you all." This is the God of peace giving us the peace of God (read Phil. 4:4–9). _____

Nov. 6th, Oswald Chambers, "My Utmost for His Highest" - ***"To believe is to commit."***

It is always healthy for a believer to reflect on his or her commitment. We are better as a church when all of the believers are committed. Take this time to pray and seek God's direction for you personal commitment to living life as a follower of Christ. _____

