

SECOND STUDY

II THESSALONIANS 3

APPEALS FOR PRAYER (II Thessalonians 3:1-5)

Paul would not have been able to accomplish what he did for Christ without the prayers and intercession of the saints. He often asked for prayer for himself and his companions (II Thessalonians 3:1; cf. Romans 15:30-32; II Corinthians 1:11; Philip-
pians 1:19; Colossians 4:2; I Thessalonians 5:25).

1. In II Thessalonians 3:1,2, What was the nature of Paul's prayer request? _____

2. So how does Paul describe these men who have no faith? (II Thessalonians 3:2) _____

3. Did Paul also include those he asked to pray in this prayer request? (II Thessalonians 3:1) _____
4. What comforting words did Paul use to encourage these Thessalonian believers? (II Thessalonians 3:3-5) _____

When believers earnestly pray, God will protect

them from the evil of Satan.

WARNING AGAINST IDLENESS / SALUTATION (II Thessalonians 3:6-18)

There were people who were loafing, idle (lazy), and unwilling to work; who were taking advantage of the loving generosity of the Church people.

These Church people made a living by common occupations. So Paul gives instructions to the Church in how to deal with the disorderly.

1. What kind of discipline does Paul suggest the Church should give these lazy people who will not work? (II Thessalonians 3:6,14) _____

Paul in no way, though, suggests that they not help those who are in real need; ---- but no where does Paul teach that believers ought to give out food or money to those who refuse to work for a living (cf. II Thessalonians 3:10).

2. What are the words Paul used in II Thessalonians 3:10, that make plain the statement above?

- _____
3. In your own words, what do you think Paul meant by what he wrote in II Thessalonians 3:14,15? _____