

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 4

Verse 11

1. It appears that in their zeal to love and care for others, they had a tendency to become _____ in other people's affairs.
2. There is a four letter word that will keep people from being a busybody in other people's business. That word is "_____."
3. That is what this verse is all about. Paul basically says, "Get busy working so you will be quiet and do your own business." cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12
4. It is never a good thing to have too much _____ on your hands, so Paul says, "Get to work!"
5. _____ work is commended in the Bible (Proverbs 14:23; Ephesians 4:28). It cuts down on a lot of _____ problems.

Verse 12

1. When Paul talks about walking "*honestly toward them that are without*," he is referring to those outside of the local church; _____ in the community.
2. Paul says, "*walk honestly*." Believers should be the _____ ethical, hard-working, honest people on earth.
 - "*Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*" **Romans 12:17**
3. Paul says that we work that we "*may have lack of nothing*."
 - The Christian is not to be dependent on _____ for their material needs, but he is to secure his own livelihood by honest, hard work.
2 Thessalonians 3:10, 12
 - "*I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.*" **Acts 20:33-34**

4. If you don't work, don't expect to _____. Proverbs 6:6-11
- *"Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger."*
Proverbs 19:15
 - *"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing."* **Proverbs 20:4**
 - *"The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour."*
Proverbs 21:25
5. But for the Christian, it goes even deeper. We don't just work so we can take care of ourselves, but so that we can also take care of _____ work.
- *"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."*
Ephesians 4:28