

## ***Leading a Quiet and Hard-Working Life***

### **1 Thessalonians 4:9-12**

#### Main Point:

Out of respect for the gospel of Christ, aspire to love your brothers by leading a quiet and hard-working life.

1. As a church, we should be known for our brotherly love.
2. One way you can express brotherly love is by leading a quiet life.
3. Another way you can express brotherly love is by leading a hard-working life.
4. When you love your brothers in these ways, you will bring respect upon the gospel of Christ.

## **Cross-References and Quotations**

**Jeremiah 31:33** <sup>33</sup> "But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (NKJV)

**1 John 4:7** <sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. (NKJV)

**John Calvin** "[Paul meant] that love was engraved upon their hearts, so that there was no need of letters written on paper ... but that their hearts were framed for love."

**2 Thessalonians 3:11-12** <sup>11</sup> For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. (NKJV)

**Richard Phillips** "Paul sees Christian love as a quiet love that avoids meddling in and disturbing the lives of others."

**2 Thessalonians 3:10** <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. (NKJV)

**Richard Phillips** "Christians should do their best not to burden the church and to contribute to the assistance of others. Love does not take advantage of Christian generosity but works hard so as to contribute to those with true needs."

**Ephesians 4:28** <sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. (NKJV)

**Andrew Young** "He wants Christians to live in a way that breeds respect, not scorn ... Lazy, fanatical, meddlesome Christians create a stumbling block to conversion. Quiet and diligent lives can make the most degraded pagan look twice at a Christian and his gospel."