

Sermon Outline

OUR CALLING UNTIL HE RETURNS | Paul Harrington

Bible Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3

Making the most of your life

- The presenting issue: 2 Thessalonians 3:6,11.

1. Let your calling shape your life

- Calling and job?

1 Thessalonians 2:12 "...live lives worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and glory."

1 Thessalonians 5:24 "The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it."

2 Thessalonians 1:11 "...that our God may count you worthy of his calling."

2. Paul as an example

2 Thessalonians 3:1 "...pray for us that the message (lit. 'word') of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you."

But isn't the Apostle Paul in a different category? An apostle/in vocational ministry?

- He did preach and teach 1 Thessalonians 2:2
- But he also held down a secular job 2 Thessalonians 3:7-8

Why? 2 Thessalonians 3:8-9

3. Some wider observations about Christian attitudes to work

- a. Don't be lazy/slack
2 Thessalonians 3:6
- b. Assess your motives
2 Thessalonians 3:10

