

# “The Why of Work” (2 Thessalonians 3)

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## Introduction: Sleeping on the job

### Context

#### 1. The command to pray (1-5)

- a. Pray for gospel advance (1-2)
- b. God is faithful to preserve and protect (3-4)
- c. May the Lord direct our hearts (5)

#### 2. The command to work (6-13)

- a. Apostolic authority
- b. The need to work

c. The reason for work

d. The idolatry of work

#### 3. The command to discipline (14-15)

- a. A hard word?
- b. Necessary dissociation
- c. Loving goal

#### 4. Final Greetings (16-18)

### Conclusion: Living and working in the light of eternity

- I. Remember that the judgement day is coming.
- II. We are to love and promote the gospel above all else
- III. We must allow the gospel to transform every part of our lives.