1Thess #81

Having an organized life removes the busybody in all of us!

We will open today in Luke chapter ten.

We will do the Lord’s supper next message.

I feel led to extend principles from last lesson into today’s message. Because the next set of lessons are going to be very interconnected in relation to subject matter revolving around laziness, privacy and Christian work ethics as well as getting your personal house in order.

We also will touch on how we view BD and how we often try to manipulate scripture to fit our life instead of our life fitting into scripture.

The next few weeks will cover all of this subject matter and it may be convicting for many of us…myself included.

It is our study of 1Thess chapter four, specifically - verses 11 and 12 that has opened up this series of challenging subject matters.

/1Thes 4:11 and **to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life** and **attend to your own *business*** and work with your hands, just as we instructed you, 12 so that you will **behave properly toward outsiders** and not be in any need.\

The Apostle Paul was dealing with a group of Bels who had either fallen back into the cosmic system and the lasciviousness of the Greek culture. Or the Bels who had inaccurately handled the WORD and were now engaged in laziness and false doctrine.

Even if it is a small group, when you are dealing with a business, a family or even a church, you cannot allow manipulation, lies and laziness or evil to creep in an destroy the liberty and unity of the majority.

The Amplified bible has a very nice definition of exactly what the Apostle Paul was pointing out;

/ (Amp) 1Thes 4:11 To make it your ambition and definitely endeavor to live quietly and peacefully, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you; 12 So that you may bear yourselves becomingly, be correct and honorable and command the respect of the outside world, being (self-supporting) dependent on nobody and having need of nothing.\

Let me make a few points as you folks go over to Luke chapter ten;

/The church is left behind as a representative for Christ in a lost and dying world. When the world sees; religion and legalism, denominational dogma or using grace as a license to sin it is a complete misrepresentation of the nature of Christ. So, too is false doctrine, lazy or careless Bels! All of this is a lie, influenced by Satan, designed to obscure the truth of BD and the person of Jesus Christ.\

The more the body of Christ has large numbers of Bels involved in the cosmic system, to the point that they cannot be differentiated from Unbels, the more the world will push away from true Chrsitianity. REPEAT

What is the difference between the Bel who lies and cheats at work, along-side the Unbels who are lying and cheating at the same job?

What is the difference between the Bel who takes advantage of the government system and the Unbel who sits at home doing the same thing?

The difference in eternity is one is going to heaven and one is going to the lake of fire…yet in the temporal battle of the here and now - both are representing Satan.

REPEAT

TLJC did not sacrifice Himself so we can fit in with the devil’s world.

Luk 10:38 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

This is believed to be the town of Bethany – Martha and Mary lived there with their brother Lazarus.

/[Luk 10:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/10/39/s_983039) And she had a sister called Mary, **who was also seated at the Lord’s feet**, and was **listening** to His word.

All Bels priorities are on display with their time, talent and treasure. The depth of which they will use these 3 in their daily walk speaks volumes to their priorities. \

The WORD of God was speaking and teaching in the flesh and Mary was completely focused on TLJC.

One of the most neglected - yet important areas for Bels to examine themselves, is their priority list.

/[Luk 10:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/10/40/s_983040) But **Martha was distracted** (*perispaō*) **with all her preparations**; and she came up *to Him* and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do the serving by myself? Then tell her to help me.”

Martha was not an evil Bel. She was one who had a distorted set of priorities. Overly busy, mentally occupied to the point of being dragged away. \

PERRIS-POT-O, is a mind that is too busy with the details of life.

It was a term for someone who is so busy they are pulled in a direction of stressful thoughts and overly busy activities.

/[Luk 10:41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/10/41/s_983041) But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha**, you are worried and distracted by many things**;

Jesus Christ is the only one who can set us free of the mental and spiritual bondage of worldly details and distractions. \

[Luk 10:42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/luk/10/42/s_983042) but *only* one thing is necessary; for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

Mary knew BD was the main priority and that everything else will fall into place if you take your relationship with TLJC seriously.

/Martha was a Bel that had an issue with her priorities and the LORD pointed this out to her. Until the Bel wants to take a hard look at their personal priorities and make the right adjustment for the plan of God, they will find the details of life and outside distractions will rule the day. This can lead to feelings of frustration or stressful emotions.\

Martha was stepping over the privacy of her sister Mary, and calling her out publicly, because she was frustrated by the details of life.

Many times, people get themselves so overly worked up on what they think is important. Or what they believe is a priority, that they become aggressive and act like busybodies, trying to dictate the lives of others.

Enemies of privacy and freedom are the busybodies and inordinate ambition or competition of others.

/2Thes 3:11 — “For we hear that there are some which walk among you **disorderly,** working not at all, but are **busybodies**.”

The church at Thessalonica had a problem of a few with skewed priorities who became busybodies.\

Jump over to 1Timothy chapter 5 RF.

A busybody is an *“invader of personal privacy*,” a “*meddler in other peoples’ affairs.”*

When you do not align with their decisions and their priorities they find a way to drop the hammer of discipline upon you.

This person will gladly act as judge and jury - especially behind your back!

They engage in maligning, which often times means elements of the truth are used, but it is always twisted into criticism of someone else.

REPEAT

They always stick their nose in other people’s business.

/A busybody has no respect for personal boundaries or privacy. They often have too much time on their hands or they are very unhappy within their life. This stems from skewed priorities for the Bel. If their life was in order under BD, they would never kick against the Royal Family Honor Code and they would have a heart that emanates off of grace and virtue love.\

Having your priorities in line will help organize the Bels’ life.

Bels with organized lives don’t have the time or taste for petty nonsense.

When the Apostle Paul was teaching Timothy how to be a good pastor he always emphasized that Timothy looked out for certain problems.

Especially with the ladies, because Timothy was raised by his mother and grandmother and had a tendency to lean toward feminine ideologies, which made Timothy a little soft at times.

The Apostle Paul teaches Timothy how to deal with widows young or older ones in the congregation.

/1Tim 5:7 Give these instructions as well, so that they may be above reproach. 8 But **if anyone does not provide for his own,** and especially for those of his household, **he has denied the faith** and is worse than an unbeliever.

Bels are called to work and support their own family – especially the MEN! \

God has called us to have goals and desires to achieve careers and live life without putting financial burdens upon others.

There are the rare cases of medical issues that arise and financial challenges when we have to seek assistance, yet that is never the - go to plan for Bels.

Bels are actually supposed to pool family resources and come together to assist one another – even if that means brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts or children who are old enough to work are to assist the family unit.

Because of the cost of living many households have to have the husband and wife working full time. If that is what it takes, that is what has to be done!

And if you have worked for many years and put into a government system you are entitled to engage in receiving from that system.

The warning is for those who have chosen a weak path to financial support – they milk the government system. Or find ways and means to avoid real work and real responsibility. REPEAT

[1Ti 5:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/5/9/s_1124009) A widow is to be put on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, *having been* the wife of one man,

You will notice the stipulations for the church leadership to step up and help out a widow. Because the church was never established to be a piggy bank for everyone in need to dip into.

The church and the leadership of the church are called to be frugal and good stewards with the money they receive. If there is an abundance they are to support those in need - not buy a new jet or a ten-million-dollar mansion.

But ultimately the church is not a bank or a homeless shelter.

[1Ti 5:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/5/10/s_1124010) having a reputation for good works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints’ feet, if she has assisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work.

[1Ti 5:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/5/11/s_1124011) But refuse *to register* younger widows, for when they feel physical desires alienating them from Christ, they want to get married,

The Apostle Paul tells Timothy do not support the younger widows.

The lesson is - honor the widows who have proven to be real Christian widows.

[1Ti 5:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/5/12/s_1124012) *thereby* incurring condemnation, because they have ignored their previous pledge.

/1Tim 5:13 At the same time they **also learn *to be* idle** (*argos)*, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also *they become* **gossips** and **busybodies**, talking about things not proper *to mention.*

An empty life, laziness, void of duty or responsibility. They learn to enjoy unemployment and reliance upon others – a skill set of couch surfing.\

ARE-GOS, speaks to uselessness, unemployment and complete leisure.

/[1Ti 5:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/5/14/s_1124014) Therefore, I want younger *widows* to get married, **have children, manage their households,** *and* give the enemy no opportunity for reproach;

The Bel with priorities in order, will have organized lives that are geared toward productivity, removing temptations from the OSN. \

[1Ti 5:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/5/15/s_1124015) for some have already turned away to follow Satan.

[1Ti 5:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/5/16/s_1124016) If any woman who is a believer has *dependent* widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are actually widows.

THE CHURCH MUST NOT BE BURDENED – notice Bels helping other Bels, that is the Apostle Paul not pastor Rick.

The reality is that sounds harsh only if you believe the church is a community piggie bank or a homeless shelter.

When you understand the church and the pastor are called to teach BD and it is the sole design for Bible study for spiritual growth, you don’t over react when you study something like this.

  REPEAT

In these verses, you see how idle lives bring forth sins of the tongue as well as division in the church.

The busybody is a skill learned over time just like laziness is learned over time.

We will close toady in Galatians chapter five.

Jesus Christ worked His whole life – first as a laborer and a carpenter, then as a teacher.

Moses, Abraham, Jacob, David, Peter, John and Paul…all worked throughout their lives.

Who cares what the Unbels are doing – who cares what the world tells you to do. They may even call you out for doing the right thing in the right way – who cares!?

/1Pet 4:14 **If you are insulted** for the name of Christ, **you are blessed**, because the Spirit of glory, and of God, rests upon you. 15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a **troublesome meddler**;

The busybody is listed as evil! \

If you have been the victim of a busybody and you are the one who they verbally attacked – just let it go! Separate from the negative people, push away from those who want to live by cosmic system standards.

/Gal 5:15 But **if you bite and devour one another**, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Do not allow one person’s OSN to ignite your OSN – never get involved in back-biting and verbal assaults. \

[Gal 5:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/16/s_1096016) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

/[Gal 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/5/17/s_1096017) For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; **for these are in opposition to one another**, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want.

The Spiritual battle you are called to fight is often within your own soul – the battle for supremacy of the old man against the new man. \

When your New Nature is in control you will elevate and be light to other people.

/Gal 6:2 **Bear one another’s burdens,** and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks that he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

The Bel in strength of habitually applying the two power options becomes a joy and pleasure in the life of others, not a burden.\

When the Bel gets their priorities in line and their life gets organized, they can easily become an asset for other Bels.

They can fulfill their calling in the body of Christ!

/[Gal 6:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gal/6/4/s_1097004) But **each one must examine his own work**, and then he will have *reason for* boasting, *but* to himself alone, and not to another. 5For **each one will bear his own load**.

Personal responsibility is required in spiritual growth. \