

A Quiet Christmas
Part 1 - Mind Your Own Business
Ted Cunningham – Sunday, December 1, 2019

Hank Williams, Sr. “Why don't you mind your own business, 'Cause if you mind your business, then you won't be mindin' mine.”

What does this passage tell us about loving others? **1 Thessalonians 4:9-10**
What was Paul praising them for in this passage? **1 Thessalonians 1:3**

Success in the workplace and a growing faith both require hard work, diligence, and patience. As you read **1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**, what was Paul emphasizing? Share how this principle has worked in your own life experience.

Restfulness “undisturbed, still, settled, not noisy” “those not running hither and thither” What was Ted saying about the ‘quiet life’ that spoke to you about how you have been, already are, and will be, approaching Christmas?

The quiet life is self-supporting, not a burden on others.

Ecclesiastes 5: 12 Proverbs 16:26 Galatians 6:2,5

What is the emphasis in these passages and how do they make the point about the importance of each of us working to care for our own needs?

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.”

As you reflect on this passage, do you sense any personal conviction about your own behavior; - - - or did it remind you of people you know who are either good, or bad examples of this teaching?

“Mind Your Own Business.” Hmmm.