

Hard Work and Tough Love

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Problem: Misunderstanding God's plan leads to a <u>disorderly</u> life.
Example: Take <u>responsibility</u> for your life and be <u>sacrificial</u> for others.

Corrective: Identify bad behavior and practice redemptive tough love.

- Tough love is expressed in loving admonition.
- Tough love involves a change in relationships.
- Tough love allows consequences.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. Re-read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18. According to verses 14-15, what does Paul say we are to do about people who don't obey biblical instruction? (List out some elements of how we are to do this.)
- 2. In what ways is "Tough Love" tough on the one giving it?
- 3. Have you ever been the recipient of "Tough Love"? How did you respond?
- 4. Why is "Tough Love" so important in a Christian community?
- 5. Name one way you can improve at giving "Tough Love" and one way you can improve at receiving it.

Memory Verse

"So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."

2 Thessalonians 2:15