

## 1. Authorship

2 Thess. 1:1-**Paul**, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

2 Thess. 3:17-I, **Paul**, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.

## 2. Audience

2 Thess. 1:1-Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, **To the church of the Thessalonians** in God **our** Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

## 3. Place of Writing

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Acts 18:5-But when **Silas and Timothy** came down from Macedonia, **Paul** *began* devoting himself completely to the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

## 4. Date

1 Thess. 4:11-12-<sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

1 Thess. 5:14-We urge you, brethren, **admonish the unruly**, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

2 Thess. 3:6-15-<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an **unruly life** and not according to the tradition which you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow **our example**, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; <sup>9</sup> not because we do not have the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: **if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.** <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you are leading an **undisciplined life**, doing **no work** at all, but acting like **busybodies**. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and **eat their own bread**. <sup>13</sup> But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good. <sup>14</sup> **If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter,** take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame. <sup>15</sup> *Yet* do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

## 5. **Occasion**

2 Thess. 2:2-that you not be quickly **shaken** from your composure or be disturbed either by **a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us,** to the effect that the **day of the Lord has come.**

1 Thess. 5:9-For God has not destined us for **wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.