



I & II THESSALONIANS



The Commands of God: Prayer & Responsibility

2 Thessalonians 3



Finally, pray for us, brothers, that the Lord's message may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; He will strengthen and guard you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do what we

**command. May the Lord direct your hearts to
God's love and Christ's endurance. Now we
command you, brothers, in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every
brother who walks irresponsibly and not
according to the tradition received from us. For
you yourselves know how you must imitate us:
we were not irresponsible among you; we did**

not eat anyone's bread free of charge; instead, we labored and toiled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. It is not that we don't have the right to support, but we did it to make ourselves an example to you so that you would imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: "If anyone isn't willing to

work, he should not eat.” For we hear that there are some among you who walk irresponsibly, not working at all, but interfering with the work of others. Now we command and exhort such people, by the Lord Jesus Christ, that quietly working, they may eat their own bread. Brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. And if anyone does not obey our

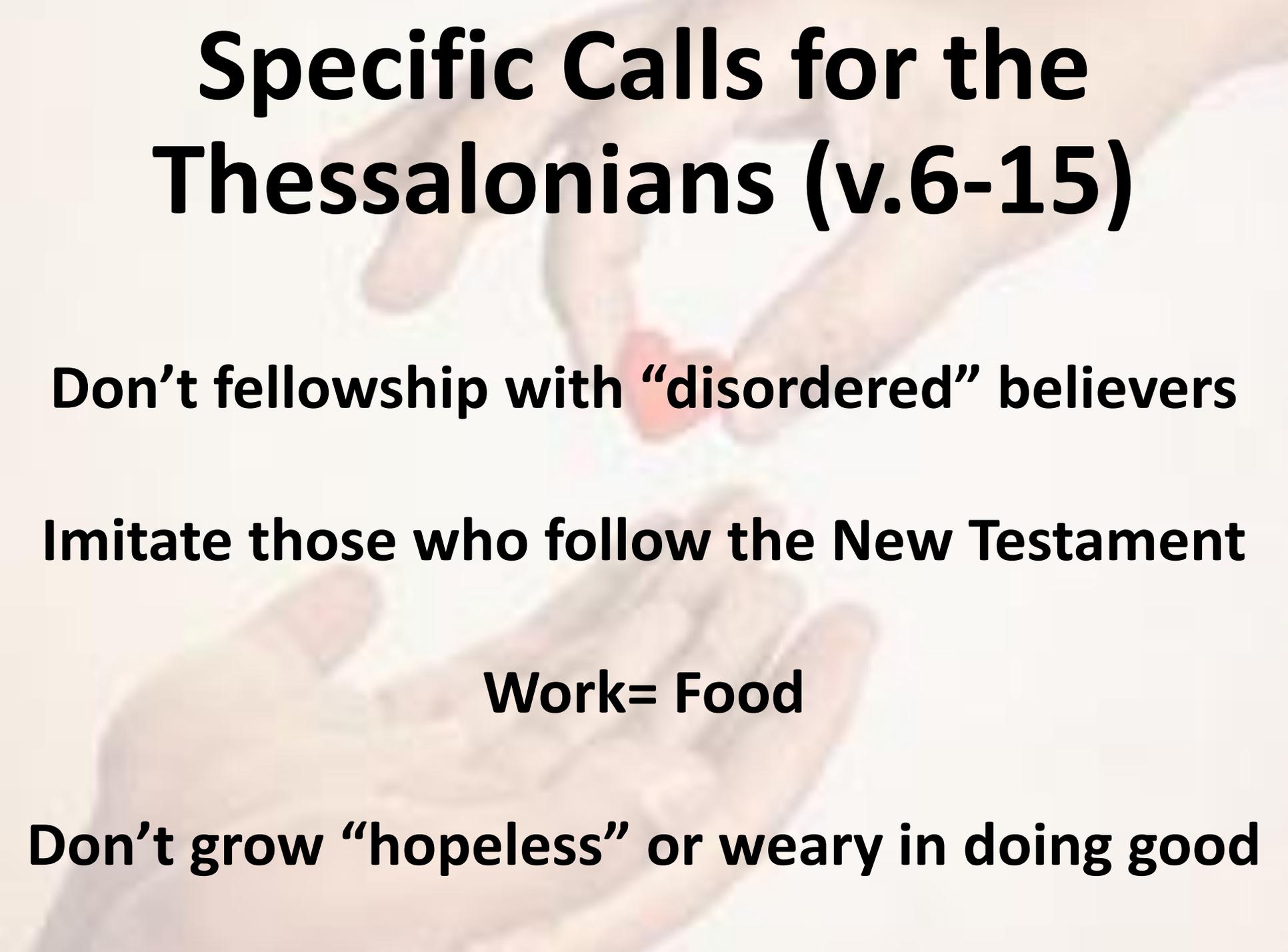
instruction in this letter, take note of that person; don't associate with him, so that he may be ashamed. Yet don't treat him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

Specific Prayers for the Thessalonians (v.1-5)

The prayer for evangelism

The prayer for protection

The prayer for direction

The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of several hands of different skin tones reaching towards the center, where they are holding a small, vibrant red heart. The overall tone is warm and supportive.

Specific Calls for the Thessalonians (v.6-15)

Don't fellowship with "disordered" believers

Imitate those who follow the New Testament

Work= Food

Don't grow "hopeless" or weary in doing good

What about you?

Do you pray purposefully?

Do you live responsibly?