



WORKERS AND SHIRKERS



**IF A NEED EXISTS, THE CHURCH
COMMUNITY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY
TO HELP MEET THAT NEED.**



**HOW SHOULD WE AS A CHURCH
RESPOND TO THOSE WHO SHIRK
THEIR WORK?**



CONTEXT:

- 1. JESUS COMING SOON?**
- 2. UNEMPLOYED GOT SAVED?**
- 3. LOST JOB BECAUSE OF PERSECUTIONS?**
- 4. CLIENTS IN PATRONAGE?**



**PROBLEM:
WORKING HARD TO AVOID WORK**



**REAL PROBLEM:
MYTH: WE ARE ENTITLED TO A
LIFE OF EASE**

SOLUTION:

**“WORK QUIETLY AND PROVIDE
THEIR OWN FOOD TO EAT”**

**“IF ANYONE IS *NOT WILLING* TO
WORK, NEITHER SHOULD HE EAT”**



**WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE:
LIVE AND LEAD A QUIET,
NONPUBLIC, PRODUCTIVE LIFE.**

STAGES OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE:

A. TEACH BY EXAMPLE

B. ADMONISH THEM AGAIN

C. WARN THEM

D. PUBLIC NOTICE

E. STOP ASSOCIATING WITH THEM

F. STOP FEEDING THEM



**WHY DOES IT WORK?
IT LETS THEM EXPERIENCE THE
CURSE**



**JESUS DID THE WORK
TO REMOVE THE CURSE**

**ONLY JESUS' WORK
SAVES US FROM THE CURSE**