

Time is running out#4

# “Idle Hands”

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

St Annes Ryde  
ANGELICAN CHURCH



Sue Willis  
7/3/10

## 1. Appropriate Authority

‘we command you’ in v6, vv7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15

NT marks of an Apostle Acts 1:21-22

- With Jesus during his ministry years, AND
- an eye witness of the resurrected Jesus.

Paul fulfilled these criteria Acts 9.

Lords Supper – as we gather at the Lords Supper table it points back to the finished WORK of Jesus.

Biblical Preaching - as we gather round the lectern we are pointed back to the finished WORD of God.

## 2. Inappropriate Idleness

v6 these idlers, are ‘disorderly ones’

- a. an extreme realised eschatology.
- b. Lording it over them and making demands
- c. very poor dependent on wealthy benefactors

The good news about Jesus came free to any who wanted to hear it.

Make your own regular, fitting (rather than miserly) contribution to the life of your church

### **3. Appropriate Activity**

vv 12-13 Instruct us to never tire of doing what is right

v18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.