

**WHILE WE WAIT**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:17**

*Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up (Harpazo: (Greek) (rapiemur: Latin Vulgate) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. - 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NASB)*

**While Waiting Do This:**

\_\_\_\_\_ and do \_\_\_\_\_ (v.15)  
*Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. - 1 Corinthians. 16:13 (NASB)*

**Tradition 1: Stick to the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:15)**  
*...they came to Thessalonica... And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, - Acts 17:1-2 (KJV)*

*For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)*

**Pray for the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1)**  
*Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; - 2 Thessalonians 3:1 (NASB)*

**True conversion is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)**  
*(Jesus)he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. - Matthew 13:21 (NIV)*

*(v.5) And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. - 2 Thessalonians 3:5 (KJV)*

**Tradition 2: Go to \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6)**  
*...every brother who is idle and... - 2 Thessalonians 3:6 (NIV)*

**In Thessalonica Paul worked not because he needed the \_\_\_\_\_ but they needed the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)**  
*To the Philippians: ...even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. - Philippians 4:16 (NASB)*

**The key word in v.10 is \_\_\_\_\_**

*(v.11)*  
*We hear that some people in your group refuse to work (ergazomai). They do nothing but busy themselves in other people's lives (periergazomai) - 2 Thessalonians 3:11 (NCV)*

Busybodies: periergazomai - "To be working round about, instead of at one's own business"  
To be meddling with, or bustling about, other people's matters. (Vine's)

**Work and mind your \_\_\_\_\_ (v.12)**  
Quietness: hesuchia - doing his own work, and does not officiously meddle with the affairs of others (Thayer's)