

## **Warning Against Idleness - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18**

### **Topics:**

Character, Consequences, Discipline, Employment, Example, Jobs, Laziness, Work

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Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

# New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Of Southfield, Michigan

## *Welcome to Bible Study!*



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**Warning  
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# Do Not Be Weary in Well Doing

## Prayer







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Besides the Second Coming, the topic of laziness among believers takes up the most space in the letter. The fact that Paul had already discussed this in his first letter shows that the problem had not been solved but had continued. This caused Paul great concern, so he gave stern commands.





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\**Busybodies* (KJV/NIV)



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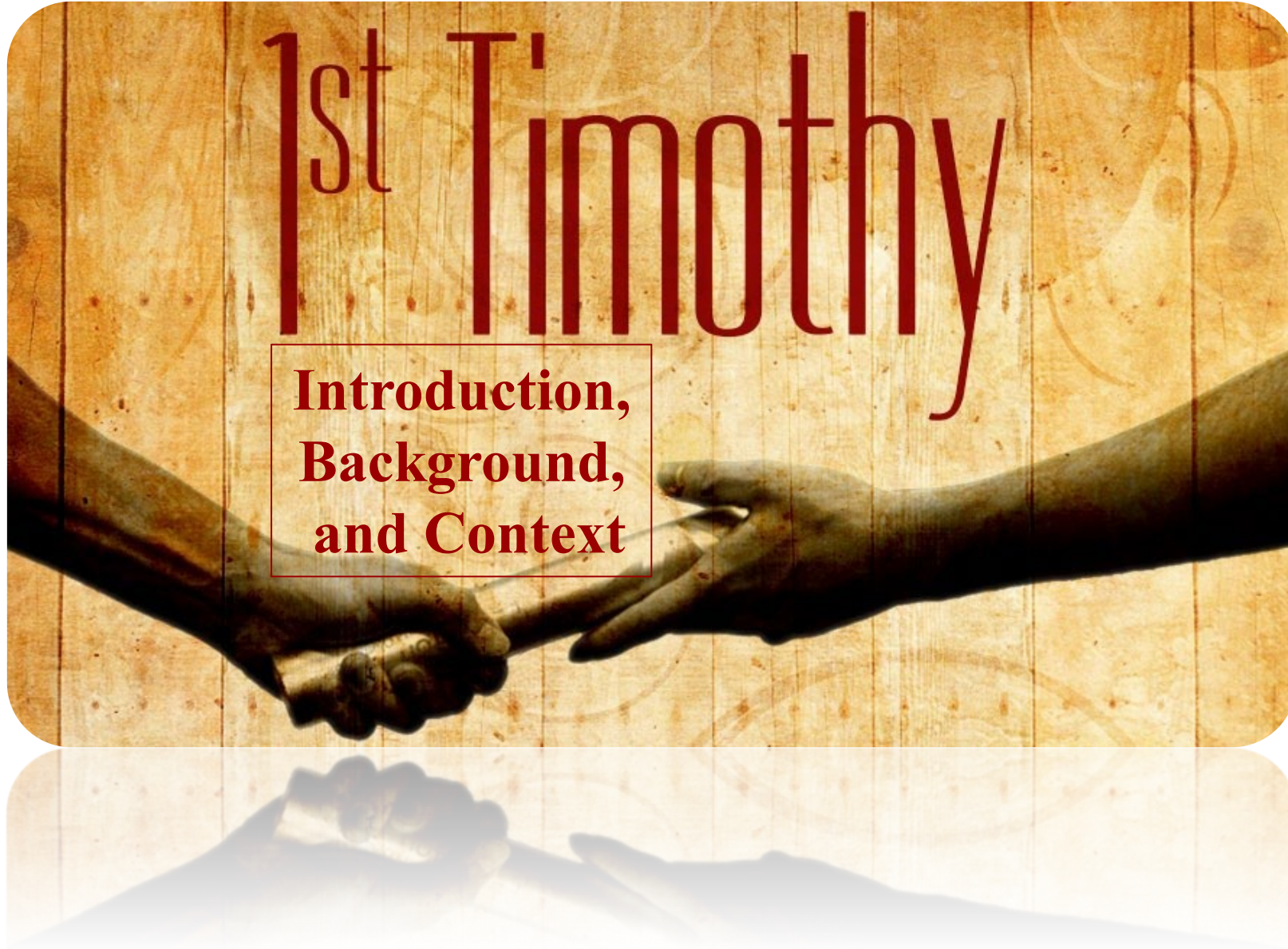
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# New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Southfield, Michigan

**NEXT  
WEEK'S  
LESSON**

## 1st Timothy

**Introduction,  
Background,  
and Context**



# Prayer



**PSALMS 41-44**

**41** For the Lame with  
his right knee  
weakened and his  
right leg  
trembling and  
his back  
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his voice  
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**42** To the chief Musician, Maschil,  
for the sons of Korah

**1** As the hart panteth after the water  
brooks, so panteth my soul after  
thee, O God.

**2** My soul thirsteth for God, for  
the living God: when shall I come  
and appear before God?

**3** My tears have been my meat day  
and night, while they continually  
say unto me, Where is thy God?

**4** When I remember these things,  
I pour out my soul to me: for I had  
gone with the multitude, I went with  
them to the house of God, with the  
voice of joy and praise, with a multi-  
tude that kept holiday.

**5** Why art thou cast down, O my  
soul? and why art thou disquieted in  
me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet  
praise him for the help of his coun-  
tenance.

**6** O my God, my soul is cast down  
within me: therefore will I remem-  
ber thee from the land of Jordan,  
and of the Hermon-ites, from the  
hill Mizar.

**7** Deep calleth unto deep at the  
noise of thy waterspouts: all the

**PSALMS 44, 45**

**44** Our heart is not turned back,  
neither have our steps declined from  
thy way.

**45** Though thou hast sore broken  
us in the place of dragons, and  
crept with the shadow of death,

**46** If we have forgotten the name  
of our God, or stretched out our  
hands to a strange god:

**47** I shall not God search this matter,  
for he knoweth the secrets of the  
heart.

**48** Yes, for thy sake are we killed,  
all the day long: we are counted as  
sheep for the slaughter.

**49** Awake, why sleepest thou, O  
Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

**50** Wherefore turnest thou thy  
face, and forgettest our affliction  
and our oppression?

**51** For our soul is bowed down to  
the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the  
earth.

**52** Arise for our help, and redeem  
us for thy mercies' sake.

**PSALM 45**

To the chief Musician upon  
Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah,  
Maschil, A Song of loves

**1** My heart is inditing a good mat-  
ter: I speak of the things which I  
have made touching the king: my  
tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

**2** Thou art fairer than the children  
of men: grace is poured into thy lips:  
therefore God hath blessed thee for  
ever.

**3** Gird thy sword upon thy thigh,  
O most mighty, with thy glory and  
thy majesty.

**4** And in thy majesty ride prosper-  
ously because of truth and mee-  
ness and righteousness; and thy  
right hand shall teach thee terrible  
things.

**5** Thine arrows are sharp in the  
heart of the king's enemies; the-  
reby the people fall under thee.

**6** Thy throne, O God, is for ever  
and ever: the sceptre of thy king-  
dom is a right sceptre.

**7** Thou lovest righteousness, and  
hatest wickedness: therefore God,