

## THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

### 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

6. Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother or sister that walketh disorderly, especially those that wander and stumble after an evening in the inn, and tread not along a straight line after the tradition which they received of us, nor after the instruction from the law officers who demand that they blow into a bag. When I say bag, I mean an small pouch.
7. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you, for we are able to hold our drink and only imbibe in moderation, taking a little wine for our stomach's sake (as I instructed Timothy, who frowned at first,) and rejecteth all tails of the cock as being an anathema.
8. Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought, nor their biscuits nor fruity cake, save a small bowl of oxtail soup at midday, with croutons; but wrought with labour and travail night and day though we were wearied and lusteth after a day off, that we might not be chargeable to any of you,
9. Not because we have not power, but because I desire to show my self-righteousness as an example unto you to follow us. And remember that I write these letters large with mine own hand, which is a bit stiff as a result.
10. For even when we were with you, sleeping in thy bed and sitting at thy table, this we commanded you (though we be fully aware that this saying will be taken and misused by the rich against the poor and dispossessed), that if any would not work, neither should they eat. Indeed, and Onesimus agrees with me.
11. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies and wastrels, who spend their days in self pleasure. They are a thorn in your side, and we all need one of those, don't we?
12. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread, dipping their crust in their own broth, refraining from slurping or dribbling therein, and making their own hot beverage.
13. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing even though they berate you for your righteousness. Miserable gits. But speak with compassion and humour at all times.