

Everything
happens
for a reason

God helps those
who help
themselves

Jesus Didn't Say THAT

God won't
give you more
than you
can handle

Love the sinner
hate the sin

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

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Last Week: “Everything happens for a reason.”

God’s providence oversees what happens on our planet *and* God has invited us to be co-laborers in bringing heaven to earth.

This Week: God helps those who help themselves.

What it Gets Right

Ora et labora: _____.

God _____ so that we can help ourselves.

What it Gets Wrong

“God helps those who help themselves” can become an _____ not to help people.

2 Thessalonians 3:10: “For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not _____.”

If we’re not careful, we set ourselves up as the judge of who is _____ of help.

If we take the phrase to its logical conclusion, then we’re responsible for our own _____.

What Jesus DID Say

Mark 2:17b: “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but _____.”

God helps all, _____ of our ability or merit.

Action Steps

1. Pray *and* work.

**Pray for the things you work for, and work
for the things you pray for. #A2Sermon**

2. Help someone regardless of whether you think they deserve it.