THE GOOD COMMISSION

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I found this quote particularly challenging. It is worth reading the whole article that it is lifted from.

> *I believe God is equally as interested in our living out what I call the â€œGood Commissionâ€ as in our fulfilling the â€œGreat Commissionâ€ of Matthew. In 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, the apostle Paul says â€œMake it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.â€ Â*
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> *We are awash in messages from books, pulpits, speakers and seminars about being active and purposeful, significant and influential but that is not what Paul is describing here. Even though his own life as a pioneer evangelist was marked by unusual intensity his advice to the churches was not to â€œget all excitedâ€ or even to focus on â€œwinning soulsâ€ but to make it their ambition to lead a quiet life that would win the respect of outsiders.*
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> *We donâ€™t hear that today do we? No one wants a quiet life or to be content with the work of our hands. We want to â€œmake a difference and change the world.â€*
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> *Letâ€™s be careful about being drawn toward either constant adventure or navel gazing. Instead letâ€™s focus on what Paul describes in Ephesians as becoming mature and examples of changed lives â€“ even if we donâ€™t change the world.*