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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 Greater Hartford Chapter
 Mitchell's Coffee House
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- Opening prayer / praise reports
- Introductions
- Today's Topic: **What is your aim in your work life?**

Make it your aim to live a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to earn your own living, just as we told you before. In this way you will win the respect of those who are not believers, and you will not have to depend on anyone for what you need.
 —1 Thess. 4:11-12

As leaders, we can be very goal-minded. Sometimes, our goals can become excessively self-centered or self-indulgent. We become insensitive or oblivious to the impact they have upon others within our spheres of influence. Here, Paul gives us advice that still applies today:

- Live a quiet life.** What does that mean to you, in today's noisy world?
- Mind your own business.** Have you noticed that people who are busybodies have too much free time on their hands? What does it mean to "mind your own business?"
- Earn your own living.** How does this jive with our growing entitlement culture?
- Earn the respect of unbelievers.** Why is it important for unbelievers to respect us?
- Be "self-empowered"** by God's Hand. Does that mean that you're an island unto yourself? How does self-empowerment help us? Can it be taken to an extreme?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in these areas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by raising your rating?										
What specific action can you take to test the benefits of this passage?										

- Next meeting: Wednesday, August 3 @ 7:30 am AT NEW VENUE (see back)
- Upcoming events/news
- Closing prayer