



1 & 2 Thessalonians (Lesson # 39)

Correction Directed to the Disciplined – 2 Thess 3:13-15

A Small Overview Review

Chester McCalley wrote a Commentary on I & II Thessalonians and he wrote that

I Thessalonians may be divided into two parts.

First, the Thessalonians are reminded of how they received the word of God (1:1-3:13).

Second, the Thessalonians are told how to live the word of God (4:1-5:28).



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**And Chester McCalley wrote that
2 Thessalonians may be divided into four parts.**

1st, they are **commended for growing
in both faith and love (1:1-3).**

2nd, they are **encouraged to remain steadfast
while being persecuted. (1:4-12).**

3rd, they are **corrected
concerning the day of the Lord (2:1-17)**

4th, they are **rebuked
for reprehensible conduct (3:1-18)**



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Previous context to today's lesson, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-12

* ¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you; ² and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil *one*. ⁴ We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will *continue to* do what we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶ Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an **unruly** life and not according to the tradition which you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; ⁹ not because we do not have the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you are leading an **undisciplined** life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.



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Verses for today's lesson,

* 13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.

14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.

15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.



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¹³ But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.

Ἑμεῖς [pro pers nom pl σύ] **you**

δέ, [conj δέ] **but**, (2nd part of contrast)

ἀδελφοί, [n voc masc pl ἀδελφός] brothers, **brethren**

μὴ ἐκκακήσητε [neg+v subj aor act 2p pl ἐκκακέω] **should not grow weary**, lose heart, be exhausted

καλοποιοῦντες. [part pres act nom masc pl καλοποιέω] **doing good**, what is right, well, upright, held in high respect

**** My literal translation**

But you brethren, should not grow weary doing good,



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* 14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.

Εἰ [conj subordinating εἰ] **if** δέ [conj coord δέ] **and**, but
τις [pro indef nom masc sing τις] **anyone**, someone, certain one
οὐχ ὑπακούει [neg+v ind pres act 3p sing ὑπακούω] **is not obeying**, lit: listen under
τῷ λόγῳ [art+n dat masc sing λόγος] **the word**, the instruction
ἡμῶν [pro pers gen pl ἐγώ] **our**, of us διὰ [prep gen διά] through, by, **in**, with
τῆς ἐπιστολῆς, [art+n gen fem sing ἐπιστολή] the **letter**, the epistle
τοῦτον [pro dem acc masc sing οὗτος] **this one**
σημειοῦσθε, [v imper pres mid 2p pl σημειόω] **you take note of**, identify (command)
καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, even, also, indeed
μὴ συναναμίγνυσθε [neg+inf pres mid/pass συναναμίγνυμι] **do not associate with**
αὐτῷ, [pro pers dat masc sing αὐτός] **him**
ἵνα [conj subord ἵνα] **so that**, in order that
ἐντραπή [v subj aor pass 3p sing ἐντρέπω] **he may be** shamed, or **turned about**

** **My literal translation**

And if anyone is not obeying the word of us in this letter, this one you take note of and do not associate with him so that he may be turned about.



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* 15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

καί [conj, καί] and, even, also, **yet**, indeed

μη̅ [neg particle or disj part other μή] **not**

ὡς [adv ὡς] **as**, like

ἐχθρὸν [adj acc masc sing ἐχθρός] **enemy**, Friberg: used of personal enemies, national foes, enemies of God, Bauer-Danker, **hated**, being hostile toward

ἠγείσθε, [v imperative pres mid/pass dep 2p pl ἠγέομαι] think, consider, **regard**, esteem Friberg: after considering all the facts come to a decision about...

ἀλλὰ [conj ἀλλά] **but** (strong contrast)

νουθετεῖτε [v imperative pres act 2p pl νουθετέω] **you admonish**, exhort, warn

ὡς [adv ὡς] **as**, like

ἀδελφόν. [n acc masc sing ἀδελφός] **brother**, fellow believer, of equal rank

**** My literal translation**

yet not as *an enemy* regard *him*, but you admonish *him* as a brother.

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¹⁴ And if anyone is not obeying the word of us in this letter, this one you take note of and do not associate with him so that he may be turned about,

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*** Wuest's expanded translation

¹³But, as for you, brethren, do not become weary and lose heart in doing good. ¹⁴And, if, as is the case, anyone is not obeying our word in this letter, be taking special notice of this person and do not have any association with him, in order that he may be put to shame. ¹⁵Yet, stop considering him as an enemy but be admonishing and warning him as a brother [Christian].



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Things to observe

Command forms in this last chapter (V1, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15)

v1-2 pray for us (imper pres mid) (Paul and team on his 2nd journey)

a v1 relative to God's word...

1) that the word of God may keep on advancing(run) freely (subjunctive)

2) that the word of God may be honored(extol or magnify in thinking) among men.

ie be unhindered and appreciated, even as it is with you, running freely & honored

Only true of Philippian and Thessalonian churches

Paul was actively involved in how God's word should be received....

b v2 relative to God's workers...

that we may be delivered from the unreasonable men...

Delivered, psychological, physically, from out of place people, ponesos wicked

By weakness, or aggressiveness -- Teaching God's Word always brings antagonism

from sin natures -- Reason? "for the faith is not of all men" not all have the faith

"Paul was a very great apostle. But his greatness consisted not so much in sheer native ability (though he had his share of that) as in his recognition of his dependence on God. It arises out of this that he so often requests the prayers of those to whom he ministers." (Constable)



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v6 Now we command (ind pres act) you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away (infin pres mid) from every brother who walks irresponsibly and not according to the tradition received from us...

The command in regard to the *unruly* in I Thessalonians 5:14 was to *admonish* them.

Since admonition had apparently failed, the command becomes ***keep aloof***.

This action is not meant to be punitive but is intended to make it clear that such conduct is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. (McCulley)



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v12 Now we command (ind pres act) and exhort (ind pres act) such people by the Lord Jesus Christ that quietly working (part pres mid), they may eat (subj pres act) their own food.

This is the only command form directed to the disciplined in this chapter... **BUT...**

Paul words his command in such a way as to call for self-examination on the part of his readers.

He does not say, “Now hear this, you busybodies!”

He addresses them indirectly so their own conscience will be activated. He wants to change, not condemn.

Quiet work was an exhortation in I Thessalonians 4:11; now it is a binding command.

The words *in the Lord Jesus Christ* elevate daily work to the level of Christian service.

The word *own* is emphatic and stresses independent effort as against communal beneficence. (McCalley)



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v13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary (subj aor act) of doing good.

With the emphatic pronoun *you*, Paul turns from the blameworthy to the blameless.

The command does not mean that they had become weary but that they should be on guard against such a thing happening.

The encouragement concerning well doing is doubtless intended to ensure a balance.

Everyone is to earn his own way, but this should not discourage charitable acts.
(McCalley)



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v14 And if anyone does not obey (ind pres act) our instruction in this letter, take note (imper pres mid) of that person; don't associate (inf pres mid/pass) with him, so that he may be ashamed (subj aor pass).

Those who obviously disobey Paul's commands are to be socially avoided.

At the same time, the goal is important, ...

So, how this is to be done must be focused on correction to restore harmony



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v15 Yet do not regard (imper pres act) him as an enemy, but admonish (imper pres act) him as a brother

This is commanded! ...for the one avoided is **not** to be regarded as an enemy, but rather one to be brought to obedience to Pauline teaching. (McCalley)

So, the method is to admonish, to bring to the offenders mind the truth in a family way.



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Things to observe in this letter's conclusion

3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

3:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Paul ends this letter with prayers for the Thessalonians that show he is wanting God to give every one of them His peace and grace...

Next weeks lesson has more about this...