

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND WARNINGS

II THESS. 3:13-18

Introduction:

- A. The busybodies are told to work and to earn their own bread.
 - 1. Should Christians quit their jobs and just visit and knock on doors?
- B. What are the workers to do?
 - 1. The "bushbodies" can discourage God's people.

I. KEEP ON KEEPING ON. V13

- A. Sometimes the faithful are distracted by the busybodies.
 - 1. The undisciplined get more attention.
 - 2. Babies need more care.
- B. Don't let this get you down.
 - 1. Don't get fed up with baby-sitting!
 - 2. Keep on doing well.

II. HOW TO DEAL WITH THE DISOBEDIENT. V14

- A. "If any man obey not our word by this epistle."
 - 1. obey not = the letter is read but the busybody will not obey.
 - 2. "our word by this letter."
 - a. This very writing.
- b. "Note that man."
 - 1. note = mark him out for yourselves.
 - 2. Some form of congregational identification.
- C. "Have no company with him."
 - 1. no company = not to be mixing yourselves up with them.

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2. No association with the man as a close and acceptable friend. Group disapproval through social ostracism.

D. "That he may be ashamed."

1. ashamed = to be turned in upon oneself.
2. The social pressure is applied to make him aware of the congregations disapproval.

III. DON'T BE TOO HARSH. V15

A. "Count him not as an enemy."

1. Don't do it as an enemy but...

B. "Admonish him as a brother."

1. Let him know there is wrong but do not turn your back on him.

IV. SUCH ACTIVITY SHOULD BRING PEACE. V16

A. We would think it would mean great war!

V. THE SIGN OF THE APOSTLE. V17

A. Paul has been dictating, he now takes the instrument and begins to write.

VI. THE BENEDICTION OF PAUL. V18