

## ❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3

IN 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3, THE APOSTLE PAUL CONCLUDED THE SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA BY FIRSTLY REQUESTING THE PRAYERS OF THE BRETHREN AND TO ENCOURAGE THE BRETHREN TO REMAIN **STEADFAST IN THE WORD** THAT WAS SPOKEN TO THEM AND THAT THE MINISTRY (PAUL, SILVANUS AND TIMOTHEUS) WERE CONFIDENT IN THE LORD THAT THEY WOULD OBEY WHAT WAS TAUGHT IN WORD WHILE THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS PRESENT AND ALSO WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE EPISTLES.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO WARNED THE BRETHREN TO BE VIGILANT AND WITHDRAW FROM THOSE BRETHREN WHO WERE WALKING DISORDERLY CONTRARY TO THEIR EXAMPLE AND THE DOCTRINES OF JESUS CHRIST WRITTEN IN THE EPISTLES.

THE APOSTLE PAUL PLACED HIS TOKEN OR SIGN OF APPROVAL ON THE EPISTLE BY HIS HAND TO INDICATE THAT THIS EPISTLE **ORIGINATED** FROM HIS MINISTRY, BECAUSE THERE WERE FALSE MINISTERS ATTEMPTING TO **IMPERSONATE** THE EPISTLES OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO SPIRITUALLY OVERTHROW THE BRETHREN.

## ❖ THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 VERSES 1

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:1, THE APOSTLE PAUL UNDERSTOOD **THE VALUE OF THE PRAYERS OF THE BRETHREN** AND REQUESTED THE PRAYERS OF THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN THESSALONICA (DESPITE THEIR PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS), FOR THE MINISTERING OF THE GOSPEL, THAT THE WORD OF GOD WOULD HAVE FREE COURSE AND BE NOT HINDERED IN OTHER REGIONS AS IT WAS IN THESSALONICA.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALWAYS CONCLUDED HIS EPISTLES WITH ADMONISHMENTS AND ENCOURAGEMENTS TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD.

**2 Thess 3:1 (KJV) 1 FINALLY, BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US, THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD MAY HAVE FREE COURSE, and BE GLORIFIED, EVEN AS IT IS WITH YOU:**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES OF THE APOSTLE PAUL CONCLUDING HIS EPISTLES WITH STATEMENT “FINALLY, BRETHREN” IN ENCOURAGING THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD.**

**2 Cor 13:11 (KJV) 11 FINALLY, BRETHREN, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.**

**Eph 6:10 (KJV) 10 FINALLY, MY BRETHREN, BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT.**

**Phil 3:1 (KJV) 1 FINALLY, MY BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.**

**Phil 4:8 (KJV) 8 FINALLY, BRETHREN, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL REQUESTING THE PRAYERS OF THE BRETHREN.**

**1 Thess 5:17-18 (KJV) 17 PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.**

**1 Thess 5:18 (KJV) 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**

**1 Thess 5:25 (KJV) 25 BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.**

**1 Tim 2:1-4 (KJV) 1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND GIVING OF THANKS, BE MADE FOR ALL MEN;**

1 Tim 2:2 (KJV) 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1 Tim 2:3 (KJV) 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

1 Tim 2:4 (KJV) 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Heb 13:18-19 (KJV) 18 PRAY FOR US: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

Heb 13:19 (KJV) 19 But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

James 5:16 (KJV) 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE WORD OF THE LORD MAY HAVE FREE COURSE OR BE SPREAD WITHOUT HINDERANCE OR BE GLORIFIED.

Rom 15:5-7 (KJV) 5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

Rom 15:6 (KJV) 6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth GLORIFY GOD, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 15:7 (KJV) 7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Gal 5:7 (KJV) 7 YE DID RUN WELL; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

Phil 2:14-16 (KJV) 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Phil 2:15 (KJV) 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Phil 2:16 (KJV) 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

**Heb 12:1 (KJV) 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE WORD OF GOD BEING HINDERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BY SATAN.**

**GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST CAN ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HINDER THE SPREADING OF THE WORD ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD.**

**Rom 15:22 (KJV) 22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.**

**1 Thess 2:14-18 (KJV) 14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: FOR YE ALSO HAVE SUFFERED LIKE THINGS OF YOUR OWN COUNTRYMEN, EVEN AS THEY HAVE OF THE JEWS:**

**1 Thess 2:15 (KJV) 15 WHO BOTH KILLED THE LORD JESUS, AND THEIR OWN PROPHETS, AND HAVE PERSECUTED US; AND THEY PLEASE NOT GOD, AND ARE CONTRARY TO ALL MEN:**

**1 Thess 2:16 (KJV) 16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.**

**1 Thess 2:17 (KJV) 17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.**

**1 Thess 2:18 (KJV) 18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; BUT SATAN HINDERED US.**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN ALSO HINDER THE SPREADING OF THE WORD OF GOD TO FULFIL THE WILL OF GOD THE FATHER.**

**Acts 16:6-7 (KJV) 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, AND WERE FORBIDDEN OF THE HOLY GHOST TO PREACH THE WORD IN ASIA,**

**Acts 16:7 (KJV) 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: BUT THE SPIRIT SUFFERED THEM NOT.**

❖ **THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 2**

**IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:3, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS UNDER PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS FOR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND THINGS CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST, FROM THE JEWS WHO DID NOT HAVE THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**2 Thess 3:2 (KJV) 2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: FOR ALL MEN HAVE NOT FAITH.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL BEING DELIVERED FROM UNREASONABLE MEN.**

**2 Tim 3:10-12 (KJV) 10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,  
2 Tim 3:11 (KJV) 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: BUT OUT OF THEM ALL THE LORD DELIVERED ME.**

**2 Tim 3:12 (KJV) 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

**2 Tim 4:18 (KJV) 18 AND THE LORD SHALL DELIVER ME FROM EVERY EVIL WORK, AND WILL PRESERVE ME UNTO HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON ALL MEN HAVE NOT FAITH BECAUSE THEY WERE STILL ADHERING TO THE LAW OF MOSES.**

**Gal 3:9-12 (KJV) 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**

**Gal 3:10 (KJV) 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.**

**Gal 3:11 (KJV) 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.**

**Gal 3:12 (KJV) 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.**

**❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 3**

**IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:3, THE APOSTLE PAUL REMINDED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP THEM FROM ALL EVIL THAT WILL COME AGAINST THEM FOR THE LABOURING IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**2 Thess 3:3 (KJV) 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, AND KEEP YOU FROM EVIL.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD TO DELIVER US FROM ALL EVIL.**

**Psa 34:19 (KJV) 19 MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS: BUT THE LORD DELIVERETH HIM OUT OF THEM ALL.**

**1 Cor 1:9 (KJV) 9 GOD IS FAITHFUL, BY WHOM YE WERE CALLED UNTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.**

**1 Cor 10:13 (KJV) 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

**Eph 6:13 (KJV) 13 Wherefore TAKE UNTO YOU THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IN THE EVIL DAY, and having done all, to stand.**

**1 Thess 5:24 (KJV) 24 FAITHFUL IS HE THAT CALLETH YOU, WHO ALSO WILL DO IT.**

**2 Tim 2:13 (KJV) 13 If we believe not, YET HE ABIDETH FAITHFUL: he cannot deny himself.**

WE ARE BEING ESTABLISHED (STABLISHED) INTO THE PRESENT TRUTH OF GOD.

**Rom 16:25-26 (KJV) 25 Now to him that is of power TO STABLISH YOU ACCORDING TO MY GOSPEL, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, WHICH WAS KEPT SECRET SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN,**

**Rom 16:26 (KJV) 26 BUT NOW IS MADE MANIFEST, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:**

**2 Peter 1:12 (KJV) 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, AND BE ESTABLISHED IN THE PRESENT TRUTH.**

**Rev 3:2 (KJV) 2 Be watchful, AND STRENGTHEN THE THINGS WHICH REMAIN, THAT ARE READY TO DIE: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.**

#### **❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 4**

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:4, THE APOSTLE PAUL HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD TOWARDS THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA, BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITHFULNESS AND GROWTH IN FAITH, PATIENCE AND LOVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THEIR PERSECUTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

**2 Thess 3:4 (KJV) 4 AND WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD TOUCHING YOU, THAT YE BOTH DO AND WILL DO the things which we command you.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

**Gal 5:10 (KJV) 10 I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU THROUGH THE LORD, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.**

Phm 1:21 (KJV) 21 HAVING CONFIDENCE IN THY OBEDIENCE I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

1 John 3:19 (KJV) 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and SHALL ASSURE OUR HEARTS BEFORE HIM.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT THE EVIDENCE BEFORE GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST IS IN OUR DOING.

Eze 33:30-33 (KJV) 30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.

Eze 33:31 (KJV) 31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

Eze 33:32 (KJV) 32 And, lo, THOU ART UNTO THEM AS A VERY LOVELY SONG OF ONE THAT HATH A PLEASANT VOICE, AND CAN PLAY WELL ON AN INSTRUMENT: FOR THEY HEAR THY WORDS, BUT THEY DO THEM NOT.

Eze 33:33 (KJV) 33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

Phil 1:6 (KJV) 6 BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHICH HATH BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST:

Phil 3:3 (KJV) 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.

### **❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 5**

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:5, THE APOSTLE PAUL'S PRAYER WAS THAT THE LORD DIRECT THE HEARTS OF THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA INTO THE LOVE OF

**GOD AND THE PATIENT WAITING FOR CHRIST BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**2 Thess 3:5 (KJV) 5 AND THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS INTO THE LOVE OF GOD, and into the patient waiting for Christ.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:**

**Rom 5:5 (KJV) 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY GHOST which is given unto us.**

**1 Thess 1:3 (KJV) 3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and LABOUR OF LOVE, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;**

**1 Thess 3:11 KJV) 11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, DIRECT OUR WAY UNTO YOU.**

**2 Thess 2:1-3 (KJV) 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, BY THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND BY OUR GATHERING TOGETHER UNTO HIM,**

**2 Thess 2:2 (KJV) 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.**

**2 Thess 2:3 (KJV) 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: FOR THAT DAY SHALL NOT COME, EXCEPT THERE COME A FALLING AWAY FIRST, AND THAT MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED, THE SON OF PERDITION;**

**❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 6**

**IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF HIMSELF AND OTHERS WITH HIM IN THE MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**HE WAS ALSO ADDRESSING HOW TO CONDUCT ONESELF OR WALK IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD.**

THE APOSTLE **WARNED** THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA **TO WITHDRAW THEMSELVES FROM THOSE WHO WERE WALKING DISORDERLY AND NOT AFTER THEIR EXAMPLES.**

THE CHURCH GATHERING IS REQUIRED TO SEPARATE FROM THE BROTHER OR SISTER WHO IS WALKING DISORDERLY CONTRARY TO THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES.

**2 Thess 3:6 (KJV) 6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, THAT YE WITHDRAW YOURSELVES FROM EVERY BROTHER THAT WALKETH DISORDERLY, AND NOT AFTER THE TRADITION WHICH HE RECEIVED OF US.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON AVOIDING THOSE WHO DO NOT UPHOLD THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE APOSTLES IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

**Rom 16:17-18 (KJV) 17 Now I beseech you, brethren, MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED; AND AVOID THEM.**

**Rom 16:18 (KJV) 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

THE EXAMPLE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH.

**1 Cor 5:9-11 (KJV) 9 I wrote unto you in an epistle NOT TO COMPANY WITH FORNICATORS:**

**1 Cor 5:10 (KJV) 10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.**

**1 Cor 5:11 (KJV) 11 But now I have written unto you NOT TO KEEP COMPANY, IF ANY MAN THAT IS CALLED A BROTHER BE A FORNICATOR, OR COVETOUS, OR AN IDOLATOR, OR A RAILER, OR A DRUNKARD, OR AN EXTORTIONER; WITH SUCH AN ONE NO NOT TO EAT.**

**1 Tim 6:3-5 (KJV) 3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;**

**1 Tim 6:4 (KJV) 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,**

**1 Tim 6:5 (KJV) 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: FROM SUCH WITHDRAW THYSELF.**

THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST:

**2 John 1:9-11 (KJV) 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.**

**2 John 1:10 (KJV) 10 IF THERE COME ANY UNTO YOU, AND BRING NOT THIS DOCTRINE, RECEIVE HIM NOT INTO YOUR HOUSE, NEITHER BID HIM GOD SPEED:**

**2 John 1:11 (KJV) 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**

**2 Thess 3:14-15 (KJV) 14 And IF ANY MAN OBEY NOT OUR WORD BY THIS EPISTLE, NOTE THAT MAN, AND HAVE NO COMPANY WITH HIM, THAT HE MAY BE ASHAMED.**

**2 Thess 3:15 (KJV) 15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.**

THERE IS A WRONG SEPARATION IN THE CHURCH OF GOD BECAUSE OF OFFENCES AND SELFISH DESIRES.

**Jude 1:19 (KJV) 19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.**

### **❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSES 7-10**

**IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-10, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE WHICH THEY DEMONSTRATED WHEN THEY WERE PRESENT WITH THEM.**

THE APOSTLE WAS LABOURING SPIRITUALLY FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND **WAS ALSO LABOURING PHYSICALLY WITH HIS HANDS TO MEET HIS NEEDS** AND TO AVOID PLACING ANY BURDEN ON THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD TO SUPPORT HIS MINISTERING OF THE GOSPEL.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ENTITLED TO LIVE OFF THE GOSPEL AS AN APOSTLE, BUT NEVER USED THAT PRIVILEGE AS THE OTHER APOSTLES IN THE MINISTRY.

**2 Thess 3:7-10 (KJV) 7 FOR YOURSELVES KNOW HOW YE OUGHT TO FOLLOW US: FOR WE BEHAVED NOT OURSELVES DISORDERLY AMONG YOU;**

**2 Thess 3:8 (KJV) 8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:**

**2 Thess 3:9 (KJV) 9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.**

**2 Thess 3:10 (KJV) 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE LABOURING WITH HIS HAND IN CORINTH TO MEET HIS PHYSICAL NEEDS AND TO HELP THOSE IN THE MINISTRY.

**Acts 18:1-3 (KJV) 1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;**

**Acts 18:2 (KJV) 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.**

**Acts 18:3 (KJV) 3 AND BECAUSE HE WAS OF THE SAME CRAFT, HE ABODE WITH THEM, AND WROUGHT: FOR BY THEIR OCCUPATION THEY WERE TENTMAKERS.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL'S EXAMPLE THAT THEY DID NOT USE HIS AUTHORITY AS AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST TO LIVE OFF THE GOSPEL BUT WORKED DAY AND NIGHT SO AS NOT TO BE ANY BURDEN TO THE CHURCH OF GOD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

**1 Cor 9:12-15 (KJV) 12 IF OTHERS BE PARTAKERS OF THIS POWER OVER YOU, ARE NOT WE RATHER? NEVERTHELESS WE HAVE NOT USED THIS POWER; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.**

**1 Cor 9:13 (KJV) 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?**

THE APOSTLE PAUL'S EXAMPLE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH.

**1 Cor 9:14 (KJV) 14 EVEN SO HATH THE LORD ORDAINED THAT THEY WHICH PREACH THE GOSPEL SHOULD LIVE OF THE GOSPEL.**

**1 Cor 9:15 (KJV) 15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.**

**2 Cor 11:7-9 (KJV) 7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?**

**2 Cor 11:8 (KJV) 8 I ROBBED OTHER CHURCHES, TAKING WAGES OF THEM, TO DO YOU SERVICE.**

**2 Cor 11:9 (KJV) 9 AND WHEN I WAS PRESENT WITH YOU, AND WANTED, I WAS CHARGEABLE TO NO MAN; for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: AND IN ALL THINGS I HAVE KEPT MYSELF FROM BEING BURDENSOME UNTO YOU, AND SO WILL I KEEP MYSELF.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL NOT BEING BURDENSOME TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD AND WORKING WITH HIS HANDS TO PROVIDE FOR HIS NEEDS IN THE MINISTRY.

**2 Cor 12:13-17 (KJV) 13 For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I MYSELF WAS NOT BURDENSOME TO YOU? forgive me this wrong.**

2 Cor 12:14 (KJV) 14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; AND I WILL NOT BE BURDENSOME TO YOU: for I seek not yours but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

2 Cor 12:15 (KJV) 15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

2 Cor 12:15 (KJV) 16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

2 Cor 12:17 (KJV) 17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

1 Thess 2:6 (KJV) 6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, WHEN WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BURDENSOME, AS THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST.

1 Thess 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: FOR LABOURING NIGHT AND DAY, BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT BE CHARGEABLE UNTO ANY OF YOU, WE PREACHED UNTO YOU THE GOSPEL OF GOD.

1 Thess 2:10 (KJV) 10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, HOW HOLILY AND JUSTLY AND UNBLAMEABLY WE BEHAVED OURSELVES AMONG YOU THAT BELIEVE:

1 Thess 2:11 (KJV) 11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

1 Thess 2:12 (KJV) 12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL REQUESTING THAT THE BRETHREN FOLLOW AFTER HIS EXAMPLE OF THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST.

1 Cor 11:1 (KJV) 1 BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME, EVEN AS I ALSO AM OF CHRIST.

JUST AS THERE IS A DECEPTION AGAINST THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST, THERE IS ALSO A DECEPTION AGAINST THE EVIDENCE OF THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HOW A TRUE DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST OUGHT TO BE SPIRITUALLY WALKING IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO **WARNED** AGAINST THIS DECEPTION AND TO MARK AND WITHDRAW FROM THOSE WHO WALKED CONTRARY TO HOW JESUS CHRIST AND THE APOSTLES WALKED.

ARE WE JUSTIFYING HOW WE ARE WALKING BEFORE GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST CONTRARY TO THE SCRIPTURES?

**Eph 4:14-15 (KJV) 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

**Eph 4:15 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

**Eph 5:2 (KJV) 2 AND WALK IN LOVE, AS CHRIST ALSO HATH LOVED US, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

**Eph 5:6 (KJV) 6 LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU WITH VAIN WORDS: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.**

**Eph 5:8 (KJV) 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT:**

**Phil 3:17-19 (KJV) 17 BRETHREN, BE FOLLOWERS TOGETHER OF ME, AND MARK THEM WHICH WALK SO AS YE HAVE US FOR AN ENSAMPLE.**

**Phil 3:18 (KJV) 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

**Phil 3:19 (KJV) 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)**

**Col 1:9-10 (KJV) 9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**

Col 1:10 (KJV) 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Col 2:6 (KJV) 6 AS YE HAVE THEREFORE RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, SO WALK YE IN HIM:

2 Peter 3:3 (KJV) 3 Knowing this first, that THERE SHALL COME IN THE LAST DAYS SCOFFERS, WALKING AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS,

1 John 1:6-7 (KJV) 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1 John 1:7 (KJV) 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 2:6 (KJV) 6 HE THAT SAITH HE ABIDETH IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED.

1 John 3:7 (KJV) 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

Jude 1:18 (KJV) 18 How that they told you THERE SHOULD BE MOCKERS IN THE LAST TIME, WHO SHOULD WALK AFTER THEIR OWN UNGODLY LUSTS.

OTHER OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THE CONSEQUENCE TO THE NATION OF ISRAEL FOR WALKING CONTRARY TO THE OBEDIENCE OF THE LORD AND NOT ACCEPTING THE CORRECTION OR THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD.

Lev 26:21-28 (KJV) 28 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

Lev 26:22 (KJV) 22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

Lev 26:23 (KJV) 23 AND IF YE WILL NOT BE REFORMED BY ME BY THESE THINGS, BUT WILL WALK CONTRARY UNTO ME;

**Lev 26:24 (KJV) 24 THEN WILL I ALSO WALK CONTRARY UNTO YOU, AND WILL PUNISH YOU YET SEVEN TIMES FOR YOUR SINS.**

**Lev 26:25 (KJV) 25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.**

**Lev 26:26 (KJV) 26 And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.**

**Lev 26:27 (KJV) 27 AND IF YE WILL NOT FOR ALL THIS HEARKEN UNTO ME, BUT WALK CONTRARY UNTO ME;**

**Lev 26:28 (KJV) 28 THEN I WILL WALK CONTRARY UNTO YOU ALSO IN FURY; AND I, EVEN I, WILL CHASTISE YOU SEVEN TIMES FOR YOUR SINS.**

#### **❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSES 11-12**

**IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:11-12, THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA AGAINST THOSE WHO WERE WALKING DISORDERLY AND NOT WORKING TO MEET THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS.**

**THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO WARNED THE BRETHREN AGAINST THOSE OPERATING IN THE SPIRIT OF A BUSYBODY IN OTHER PERSONS BUSINESSES AND AFFAIRS, ALWAYS BEING INQUISITIVE TO KNOW ABOUT MATTERS WITH NO INTENTION TO HELP SPIRITUALLY, BUT JUST TO PROMOTE CONVERSATIONS.**

**WHEN ONE OPERATE IN THE SPIRIT OF A BUSYBODY IT MEANS THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT BEING TRUSTED AS THE OVERSEER OF THE MATTERS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD THE FATHER.**

**2 Thess 3:11-12 (KJV) 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, BUT ARE BUSYBODIES.**

**2 Thess 3:12 (KJV) 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, THAT WITH QUIETNESS THEY WORK, AND EAT THEIR OWN BREAD.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF A BUSYBODY IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.**

**BUSYBODIES: PERSONS WHO INDULGE AND BECOME PREOCCUPIED IN MATTERS OR THOUGHTS TOO HIGH SPIRITUALLY, OF WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE OVERSEER.**

**(A BUSYBODY: IS ONE WHO IMPOSES OR TAKES SUPERVISION OF THE AFFAIRS PERTAINING TO OTHERS AND IN NO WISE HIMSELF/HERSELF. A MEDDLER IN OTHER MEN'S AFFAIRS).**

**EVIDENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF A BUSYBODY:**

- **CANNOT WAIT FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BRING OUT A MATTER.**
- **BUSY SEEKING JUSTIFICATION OF OTHERS TO SATISFY THEMSELVES.**

**THE PSALMIST DAVID DID NOT SPEND TIME IN MATTERS TOO HIGH SPIRITUALLY TO UNDERSTAND AND LEFT IT FOR THE LORD TO REVEAL.**

**Psa 131:1 (KJV) 1 Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: NEITHER DO I EXERCISE MYSELF IN GREAT MATTERS, OR IN THINGS TOO HIGH FOR ME.**

**SOLOMON STATED THE DANGER OF THOSE WHO GO AROUND REPEATING A MATTER.**

**SOLOMON STATED THAT HE THAT COVERETH A TRANSGRESSION SEEKETH THE LOVE OF GOD. BUT HE THAT REPEATETH A MATTER CAUSES DIVISION AMONGST FRIENDS.**

**Prov 17:9 (KJV) 9 HE THAT COVERETH A TRANSGRESSION SEEKETH LOVE; BUT HE THAT REPEATETH A MATTER SEPARATETH VERY FRIENDS.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE:

James 5:20 (KJV) 20 Let him know, that HE WHICH CONVERTETH THE SINNER FROM THE ERROR OF HIS WAY SHALL SAVE A SOUL FROM DEATH, AND SHALL HIDE A MULTITUDE OF SINS.

1 Peter 4:8 (KJV) 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: FOR CHARITY SHALL COVER THE MULTITUDE OF SINS.

Ecc 1:13 (KJV) 13 AND I GAVE MY HEART TO SEEK AND SEARCH OUT BY WISDOM CONCERNING ALL THINGS THAT ARE DONE UNDER HEAVEN: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

Ecc 1:17 (KJV) 17 AND I GAVE MY HEART TO KNOW WISDOM, AND TO KNOW MADNESS AND FOLLY: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

Ecc 3:11 (KJV) 11 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Ecc 12:13 (KJV) 13 LET US HEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: FEAR God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

1 Cor 6:2 (KJV) 2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, ARE YE UNWORTHY TO JUDGE THE SMALLEST MATTERS?

THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED TIMOTHY TO REFUSE THE YOUNGER WOMEN IN THE COUNT AS WIDOWS IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD WHO HAD NOT MET THE CRITERIA AND CAN BECOME BUSYBODIES.

(BUSYBODIES: BUSY ABOUT TRIFLES AND NEGLECTFUL OF IMPORTANT MATTERS; BRINGING ABOUT OTHER FOLKS' AFFAIRS).

1 Tim 5:9-13 (KJV) 9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man.

1 Tim 5:10 (KJV) 10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

1 Tim 5:11 (KJV) 11 **BUT THE YOUNGER WIDOWS REFUSE:** for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

1 Tim 5:12 (KJV) 12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

1 Tim 5:13 (KJV) 13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and **BUSYBODIES, SPEAKING THINGS WHICH THEY OUGHT NOT.**

**THE APOSTLE PAUL ALSO WARNED TIMOTHY TO AVOID FOOLISH AND UNLEARNED QUESTIONS WHICH ONLY GENDER STRIFES, THAT WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE SPIRIT OF A BUSYBODY.**

2 Tim 2:23-24 (KJV) 23 **BUT FOOLISH AND UNLEARNED QUESTIONS AVOID, KNOWING THAT THEY DO GENDER STRIFES.**

2 Tim 2:24 (KJV) 24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

**THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED TITUS TO AVOID FOOLISH AND UNLEARNED QUESTIONS WHICH ONLY GENDER STRIFES.**

Titus 3:8-9 (KJV) 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Titus 3:9 (KJV) 9 **BUT AVOID FOOLISH QUESTIONS,** and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

**THE APOSTLE PETER ALSO WARNED THE BRETHERN AGAINST BEING INFLUENCED BY THOUGHTS TO BECOME A BUSYBODY IN OTHER PERSONS' BUSINESSES AND AFFAIRS AND THAT THE**

BRETHREN SHOULD NOT SUFFER AS A BUSYBODY IN OTHER MEN'S MATTERS.

**1 Peter 4:15 (KJV) 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, OR AS A BUSYBODY IN OTHER MEN'S MATTERS.**

EXAMPLE OF THE APOSTLE PETER WHO WAS CORRECTED BY JESUS CHRIST ON BEING MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATEMENT JESUS MADE (THE MATTER) OF THE APOSTLE JOHN RATHER THAN WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT HIM.

**John 21:18-23 (KJV) 18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.**

**John 21:19 (KJV) 19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, FOLLOW ME.**

**John 21:20 (KJV) 20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?**

**John 21:21 (KJV) 21 PETER SEEING HIM SAITH TO JESUS, LORD, AND WHAT SHALL THIS MAN DO?**

**John 21:22 (KJV) 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? FOLLOW THOU ME.**

THE EVIDENCE OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF BUSYBODY.

NO ONE WOULD HAVE ASKED JESUS THE QUESTION AGAIN AND JESUS WOULD NOT HAVE REPEATED THE STATEMENT AGAIN TO THE QUESTION PETER ASKED.

**John 21:23 (KJV) 23 THEN WENT THIS SAYING ABROAD AMONG THE BRETHREN, THAT THAT DISCIPLE SHOULD NOT DIE: YET JESUS SAID NOT UNTO HIM, HE SHALL NOT DIE; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE ON THE FULFILMENT OF JESUS' SAYING OF THE APOSTLE JOHN TO APOSTLE PETER.

AT THE TIME OF THE FULFILMENT THE OTHER APOSTLES WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD.

**Rev 1:9-10 (KJV) 9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, WAS IN THE ISLE THAT IS CALLED PATMOS, FOR THE WORD OF GOD, AND FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**Rev 1:10 (KJV) 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON BRETHREN OUGHT TO LABOUR TO MEET THEIR OWN PHYSICAL NEEDS AND TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

**Eph 4:28 (KJV) 28 Let him that stole steal no more: BUT RATHER LET HIM LABOUR, WORKING WITH HIS HANDS THE THING WHICH IS GOOD, THAT HE MAY HAVE TO GIVE TO HIM THAT NEEDETH.**

**1 Thess 2:9 (KJV) 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: FOR LABOURING NIGHT AND DAY, BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT BE CHARGEABLE UNTO ANY OF YOU, we preached unto you the gospel of God.**

**1 Thess 4:1 (KJV) 1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, THAT AS YE HAVE RECEIVED OF US HOW YE OUGHT TO WALK AND TO PLEASE GOD, so ye would abound more and more.**

**1 Thess 4:11-12 (KJV) 11 And that ye study to be quiet, AND TO DO YOUR OWN BUSINESS, AND TO WORK WITH YOUR OWN HANDS, AS WE COMMANDED YOU;**

**1 Thess 4:12 (KJV) 12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.**

❖ **2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 13**

**IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:13, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO NOT BE WEARY OR FAINT IN WELL DOING.**

**2 Thess 3:13 (KJV) 13 BUT YE, BRETHREN, BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:**

**Luke 18:1 (KJV) 1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, THAT MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY, AND NOT TO FAINT;**

**Gal 6:9-10 (KJV) 9 AND LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING: FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP, IF WE FAINT NOT.**

**Gal 6:10 (KJV) 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

**1 Tim 6:17-19 (KJV) 17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**

**1 Tim 6:18 (KJV) 18 THAT THEY DO GOOD, THAT THEY BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, READY TO DISTRIBUTE, WILLING TO COMMUNICATE;**

**1 Tim 6:19 (KJV) 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.**

**Heb 12:3-4 (KJV) 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, LEST YE BE WEARIED AND FAINT IN YOUR MINDS.**

**Heb 12:4 (KJV) 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.**

**Heb 13:16 (KJV) 16 BUT TO DO GOOD AND TO COMMUNICATE FORGET NOT: FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES GOD IS WELL PLEASED.**

**James 4:17 (KJV) 17 THEREFORE TO HIM THAT KNOWETH TO DO GOOD, AND DOETH IT NOT, TO HIM IT IS SIN.**

**1 Peter 3:10-11 (KJV) 10 FOR HE THAT WILL LOVE LIFE, AND SEE GOOD DAYS, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:**

**1 Peter 3:11 (KJV) 11 Let him eschew evil, AND DO GOOD; let him seek peace, and ensue it.**

### **❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSES 14-15**

**IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:14-15, THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD TO NOTE THOSE WHO ARE NOT WILLING TO OBEY THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES AND TO HAVE NO COMPANY WITH THEM THAT THEY MAY BE ASHAMED.**

**THE SAME PRINCIPLE APPLIES TODAY IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.**

**THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS WARNING THE BRETHREN NOT TO KEEP COMPANY WITH THOSE WHO WERE NOT WILLING TO ADHERE TO THE INSTRUCTIONS IN HIS EPISTLE WHICH WERE RELEVANT FOR GODLY LIVING THEN AND TODAY.**

**2 Thess 3:14-15 (KJV) 14 AND IF ANY MAN OBEY NOT OUR WORD BY THIS EPISTLE, NOTE THAT MAN, AND HAVE NO COMPANY WITH HIM, THAT HE MAY BE ASHAMED.**

**2 Thess 3:15 (KJV) 15 YET COUNT HIM NOT AS AN ENEMY, BUT ADMONISH HIM AS A BROTHER.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON ADHERENCE TO THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS TO BE KEPT IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD UNDER THE NEW COVENANT.**

**2 Thess 2:15 (KJV) 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and HOLD THE TRADITIONS WHICH YE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, WHETHER BY WORD, OR OUR EPISTLE.**

**2 Thess 3:6 (KJV) 6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, THAT YE WITHDRAW YOURSELVES FROM EVERY BROTHER THAT WALKETH DISORDERLY, AND NOT AFTER THE TRADITION WHICH HE RECEIVED OF US.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL INSTRUCTED THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT ROME TO WITHDRAW AND AVOID THOSE WHO WERE WALKING CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST.

**Rom 16:17-18 (KJV) 17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED; AND AVOID THEM.**

**Rom 16:18 (KJV) 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL INSTRUCTED THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH TO KEEP **THE ORDINANCES** WRITTEN IN THE EPISTLE.

**1 Cor 11:1-2 (KJV) 1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.**

**1 Cor 11:2 (KJV) 2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and KEEP THE ORDINANCES, AS I DELIVERED THEM TO YOU.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED **TIMOTHY** TO WITHDRAW AND AVOID THOSE WHO WERE WALKING CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST.

**1 Tim 6:5 (KJV) 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: FROM SUCH WITHDRAW THYSELF.**

THE EXAMPLE OF THE BROTHER IN **THE CHURCH OF GOD** IN CORINTH WHO WAS WITH HIS FATHER'S WIFE.

**1 Cor 5:1-5 (KJV) 1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.**

**1 Cor 5:2 (KJV) 2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.**

**1 Cor 5:3 (KJV) 3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,**

**1 Cor 5:4 (KJV) 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**1 Cor 5:5 (KJV) 5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.**

**1 Cor 5:9-11 (KJV) 9 I WROTE UNTO YOU IN AN EPISTLE NOT TO COMPANY WITH FORNICATORS:**

**1 Cor 5:10 (KJV) 10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.**

**1 Cor 5:11 (KJV) 11 BUT NOW I HAVE WRITTEN UNTO YOU NOT TO KEEP COMPANY, IF ANY MAN THAT IS CALLED A BROTHER be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.**

**OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURE:**

**2 Cor 2:6-11 (KJV) 6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.**

**2 Cor 2:7 (KJV) 7 SO THAT CONTRARIWISE YE OUGHT RATHER TO FORGIVE HIM, AND COMFORT HIM, LEST PERHAPS SUCH A ONE SHOULD BE SWALLOWED UP WITH OVERMUCH SORROW.**

**2 Cor 2:8 (KJV) 8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.**

**2 Cor 2:9 (KJV) 9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.**

**2 Cor 2:10 (KJV) 10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;**

**2 Cor 2:11 (KJV) 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS OF THOSE WHO REPENT IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

**Matt 18:15-17 KJV) 15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.**

**Matt 18:16 KJV) 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**

**Matt 18:17 KJV) 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.**

**Matt 18:21-22 (KJV) 21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?**

**Matt 18:22 (KJV) 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.**

**Matt 18:35 (KJV) 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**

**Luke 17:3-4 (KJV) 3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.**

**Luke 17:4 (KJV) 4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.**

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE REQUIREMENTS TO ADHERE TO WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE EPISTLES OF THE APOSTLE PAUL.

**1 Thess 5:27 (KJV) 27 I CHARGE YOU BY THE LORD THAT THIS EPISTLE BE READ UNTO ALL THE HOLY BRETHREN.**

1 Tim 1:19-20 (KJV) 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

1 Tim 1:20 (KJV) 20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

### ❖ 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 16

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16, THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED THAT WE RECEIVE THE PEACE OF GOD BY THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM THE PEACE THAT BELONGS TO GOD WHO IS THE GOD OF PEACE.

2 Thess 3:16 (KJV) 16 Now THE LORD OF PEACE himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE LORD OF PEACE WHO IS JESUS CHRIST.

John 14:27 (KJV) 27 PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33 (KJV) 33 These things I have spoken unto you, THAT IN ME YE MIGHT HAVE PEACE. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Phil 4:7-9 (KJV) 7 And THE PEACE OF GOD, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:8 (KJV) 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phil 4:9 (KJV) 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and THE GOD OF PEACE shall be with you.

GOD THE FATHER IS ALSO CALLED THE GOD OF PEACE.

Rom 1:7 (KJV) 7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER, AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Rom 15:33 (KJV) 33 Now THE GOD OF PEACE be with you all. Amen.

Rom 16:20 (KJV) 20 And THE GOD OF PEACE shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Col 3:15 (KJV) 15 And let THE PEACE OF GOD RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

1 Thess 5:23 (KJV) 23 And the very GOD OF PEACE sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### ❖ THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 17

IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:17, THE APOSTLE PAUL UNDERSTOOD THE DECEPTION BEING PROMOTED FROM OTHER FALSE APOSTLES WHO WERE WRITING EPISTLES AS FROM PAUL AND THEREFORE HAD A SIGN OR A TOKEN ON ALL THE EPISTLES TO CERTIFY THAT THE EPISTLE CAME FROM HIM.

THE APOSTLE PAUL DID NOT WRITE ALL THE EPISTLES WITH HIS OWN HAND, BUT HAD OTHERS WRITE AS HE SPOKE AND THEN PLACED HIS SIGN OR TOKEN OF APPROVAL (SALUTATION) ON THE EPISTLE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO THE BRETHREN.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE STARTED WRITING EPISTLES TO THE CHURCHES OF GOD WITH HIS OWN HAND, BUT OVER TIME AS THE CHURCHES OF GOD EXPANDED OR MAY BE OVER TIME AS THE APOSTLE PAUL EYES DETERIORATED AND HINDERED HIM FROM WRITING EPISTLES, HE WOULD HAD A TOKEN OF HIS APOSTLESHIP ON THE EPISTLE WITH HIS OWN HAND.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ALWAYS USED A SIGN OR TOKEN BY HIS OWN HAND TO IDENTIFY THE ORIGINALITY OF HIS EPISTLES AND TO AVOID OTHER FALSE MINISTERS OF SATAN IMPERSONATING HIS EPISTLES.

2 Thess 3:17 (KJV) 17 THE SALUTATION OF PAUL WITH MINE OWN HAND, WHICH IS THE TOKEN IN EVERY EPISTLE: SO I WRITE.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE SIGN OR TOKEN OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO AVOID DECEPTIONS OF A FALSE EPISTLE BY OTHERS AS FROM HIM.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE FALSELY WRITTEN LETTERS ON DOCTRINE CONTRARY TO JESUS CHRIST AS IF THE EPISTLE CAME FROM PAUL AND THEREFORE, HE HAD A TOKEN ASSOCIATED WITH HIS EPISTLES.

**2 Thess 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,**

**2 Thess 2:2 (KJV) 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, NOR BY LETTER AS FROM US, as that the day of Christ is at hand.**

❖ THE APOSTLE PAUL'S EPISTLES TO THE OTHER CHURCHES OF GOD.

▪ CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH.

THE APOSTLE PAUL DID NOT WRITE THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH WITH HIS OWN HAND BUT ADDED HIS SALUTATION WITH HIS OWN HAND.

**1 Cor 16:21 (KJV) 21 THE SALUTATION OF ME PAUL WITH MINE OWN HAND.**

▪ CHURCHES OF GOD AT GALATIA.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCHES OF GOD AT GALATIA WITH HIS OWN HAND.

**Gal 6:11 (KJV) 11 YE SEE HOW LARGE A LETTER I HAVE WRITTEN UNTO YOU WITH MINE OWN HAND.**

- **CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL DID NOT WRITE THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE WITH HIS OWN HAND BUT ADDED HIS SALUTATION WITH HIS OWN HAND.

**Col 4:18 (KJV) 18 THE SALUTATION BY THE HAND OF ME PAUL.**  
Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

- **THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.**

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE THOSE SENTENCES IN THE EPISTLE TO PHILEMON IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT COLOSSE.

**Philemon 1:16-19 (KJV) 16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?**

**Philemon 1:17 (KJV) 17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.**

**Philemon 1:18 (KJV) 18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;**

**Philemon 1:19 (KJV) 19 I PAUL HAVE WRITTEN IT WITH MINE OWN HAND, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.**

- **CHURCH OF GOD AT ROME.**

EXAMPLE OF TERTIUS WHO WROTE THE EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT ROME ON BEHALF OF THE APOSTLE PAUL.

**Rom 16:22 (KJV) 22 I TERTIUS, WHO WROTE THIS EPISTLE, SALUTE YOU IN THE LORD.**

▪ **THE APOSTLE PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE HEADQUARTER CHURCH OF GOD AT JERUSALEM.**

**THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN THE EPISTLE TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT JERUSALEM IN FEW WORDS.**

**Heb 13:22 (KJV) 22 And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: FOR I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER UNTO YOU IN FEW WORDS.**

❖ **THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 18**

**IN 2 THESSALONIANS 3:18, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENDED THE EPISTLE WITH GREETINGS FROM THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**2 Thess 3:18 (KJV) 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.**