



COURAGE TO PERSEVERE

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2 Thessalonians 3:13-15

Discouragement and weariness are very real challenges in the life of a Christian. Paul was concerned that disobedience on the part of some in the church was causing weariness in others. Therefore, he encourages them to remain faithful and fulfill their duty as a follower of Christ.

Key thought:

Remain faithful and fulfill your duty, don't be discouraged by the unfaithfulness of others.

1. Remain faithful (verse 13)

- The appeal – “you brethren”
- The concern – “do not grow weary”
- The reason – “do good”

2. Fulfill your duty (verses 14-15)

Remember, Paul is speaking specifically about how they should respond to fellow believers who are living in disobedience...

The duty to discipline (verse 14)

- Who? The disobedient Christian.
- What?
 - “take special note”
 - “do not associate” (Matthew 18:17; Romans 16:17–19; 1 Corinthians 5:9–11; Titus 3:10–11)
- Why? That they may be put to shame. (Matthew 21:37; 1 Corinthians 4:14)

To the end that he may be ashamed (ὡς ἐντραπή [*hina entrapēi*]). Purpose clause with ὡς [*hina*]. Second aorist passive subjunctive of ἐντρέπω [*entrepō*], to turn on, middle to turn on oneself or to put to shame, passive to be made ashamed. The idea is to have one's thoughts turned in on oneself.^[1]

The duty to love (verse 15)

- How? Not as an enemy but as a brother! (Proverbs 27:6)

[1] Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (2 Th 3:14). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.