

WITHDRAWING FROM THE UNRULY

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

CONTEXT – 1 THESSALONIANS

- Chpt. 2 – Paul speaks of how his company was **blameless**, bold, pure, truthful, desiring to glorify God, and industrious in supporting themselves
- Chpt. 4 – Paul exhorts them to be sexually pure, to love, and to work in quietness to support themselves.
- Chpt. 5 – Paul addresses “the day of the Lord” and how the faithful keep serving the weak and admonishing the “unruly”

CONTEXT – 2 THESSALONIANS

- Chpt. 1 – Paul speaks of their giving thanks for the Thessalonians' **faithfulness** amid persecution, as well as God's response to it
- Chpt. 2 – Paul addresses "the coming of the Lord," Satan's deception, their need to **stand** and **hold to** what they were taught, and his hope of God **strengthening** and **comforting** them
- Chpt. 3:1-5 – Paul addresses his need of prayers for the **word** and its **glorification**, the importance of their **obedience**, and his confidence they would be directed into **God's love** and **Christ's steadfastness**.



DEALING WITH THE UNRULY

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13



Keep Away From The Unruly

1 Thess. 3:6-13

- **To keep away from is a command**
- The target of this action is those being **unruly, disorderly, undisciplined, irresponsible**
 - Also translated **idleness, to loaf around**
 - **BDAG, Spicq** – defiance of good order, disorderly, irresponsible, any breach of obligation, disorders of life in general
 - **Paul** – to not live according to the divine commands received from him and others – 3:6
- Why address this? Because there were unruly brethren at Thessalonica – 3:11-13

DEALING WITH THE DISOBEDIENT

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

The Disobedient

1 Thess. 3:14-15

- To be **unruly** or **disorderly** means to **disobey the revealed word** – 3:14 (compare to 3:6)
- Our response to **anyone** who is **disobedient**:
 - **Take special note of, or mark,** them for their disobedience
 - **Not associate with them**
 - Do this with the **goal** of making them **ashamed** – 2 Cor. 7:10
- While doing this, we must not regard them as an enemy, but **admonish** them as brethren - 3:15