

## 2 Thessalonians Chapter 3

### I. CONFIDENCE from the Lord (v. 1-5)

- “Finally”, my final thought, Paul rests his case
- The Word running freely, unfettered with no restrictions
- Brings glory to God & beholder of the truth
- (v.3) Paul now asking for their prayers, protection from the wicked
  - “Delivered”, Gr. = being drawn out of danger to & by someone
  - “Unreasonable” men, Gr. = without a place, having no place
  - People with no faith, of the world, not grounded
- Lord is faithful, strong tower
  - Fixes us firmly in him, grounded
  - “Keep”, lit. to watch over
  - Helping us to stay from evil, wickedness
- Paul is confident of their obedience now & in the future
- (v.5) “Direct your hearts”, to guide a path toward something
- Emphasizes a straight journey

### II. COMMAND of the Lord (v. 6-15)

- “Command”, Gr. = to charge, advance an order
  - Paul uses 4x (v. 4, 6, 10, 12)
  - Exhorting them in the Lord
  - Finish strong in the faith
- Withdraw yourselves from disorderly brothers
  - Military term to be set in a position
  - A purposeful retreat away from harm
  - They are walking about with not real mindset of God
- (v.7) Paul reminds them of being imitators
  - “Follow”, lit. a sense of being a slave
  - A fellow servant for the greater good
  - Slave of Christ, like Paul

- Paul lists things he could have done but didn't
  - Weren't disorderly
  - Worked for their food
  - Pulled their own weight
- (v.9) Not because of authority, but as an example
  - Paul could have lorded over them
  - As a parent figure, he set an example
- Paul hears of slackers (v.10)
  - Busybodies, not working at all
  - Play on words here (v.11)
  - Lit. "everywhere doing everything but doing nothing"
- (v.12) Disorderly people, not focused, freeloaders
  - Work in quietness, settle down
  - Focus on their own thing
  - Fend for themselves
- Paul encourages them to keep doing good
  - Don't get discouraged
  - Keep people accountable to the Word
  - They are not the enemy

### III. CONTINUE in the Lord (v. 16-18)

- "Give you peace always"
  - Lord of peace bestowing peace upon us
  - In every way, what does this mean?
  - Phil 1:12-18, Christ "preached" in every way
- Paul's final thoughts, validity in his signature
  - Grace, peace, love
  - 3 foundational pillars of the Gospel, Christian faith