

New Testament Letters Biblical Commands

Commands from 2 Thessalonians

1. 2 Thess 2:15 - Stand fast and hold on to accurate teaching.

II Th 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. (NKJ)

Our understanding of Scripture will come under attack. The commanded course of action is to stand fast and hold to solid teaching when received. Unless there are valid, logical, and Biblical reasons to make adjustments we should stand holding fast.

2. 2 Thes 3:1 - Pray for those on the front lines of ministry

II Th 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, (NKJ)

The teaching and ministries of those on the front lines are always susceptible to attack. The command to us believers is that we pray for those called into ministry.

3. 2 Thes 3:10 - All who partake should contribute

II Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. (NKJ)

The Lord's command advises the withholding of blessing from those who do not work. Salvation is the free gift of God. After salvation the Lord desires good works. Those refusing are refused blessing.

4. 2 Thes 3:14 - Identify those in clear disobedience to clear commands

II Th 3:14 And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. (NKJ)

Church discipline when needed is part of God's Plan for the church. Public identification of those confronted through Matthew 18 principles and refusing to change is commanded.

5. 2 Thes 3:15 - Initially treat sinners as family to be admonished and not enemies.

II Th 3:15 Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. (NKJ)

Sinning believers are to still be treated as out of line family admonished in love with a view towards full restoration. They are not to be treated as enemies.

Commands in 2 Thessalonians - Summary

1. Stand on and Hold to accurate Bible Teaching. #1
2. Pray for those in ministry. #2
3. Those refusing to work should not eat. #3
4. Identify those who are disobedient. #4
5. Admonish out of line believers as family not enemies. #5