

Chapter 3: COMMAND in light of Christ's return.

How do we live in light of Christ's rescue and His return?

Paul's _____ . **3:1-5** Key: Vs 4. "And we have confidence in the Lord touching you..."

1. They Pray! Because the Word must be unshackled. Vs 1-2
2. They Stay! Because attacks are inevitable. Vs 3
3. They Obey! Because God's Word is directing. Vs 4
4. They Agape! Because Jesus is coming. Vs 5

Paul's _____ ! **2 Thessalonians 3:6-18**

1. The _____. Vs 6

- "Withdraw yourselves" = Church _____. We practice church discipline at MBT.
- "Withdraw" Sometimes it's just that bad, requiring some level of separation! See crazy? **Step back.**

Conversely, some _____ from us. Why? **1 John 2:19**

But the inverse is true here. Why?

- Separation over a brother being disorderly.
- Separation over a brother blabbing bad doctrine. **Vs 14**

2. The _____. Vs 14-15

- If someone is _____ you away from what you're taught, _____
- Paul's instruction to those who were obeying the Word of God was to note those who weren't and have no company with them that they might be ashamed. **Vs 14**
Church discipline is as ignored as it is very unpopular today. For many, it is viewed as unloving. In reality, it is a genuine expression of love. A church that chooses not to discipline its members no more loves them than a father who fails to discipline his child. **Proverbs 13:24**
- The goal of the discipline is not to be cruel but to bring a believer to the place where they are ashamed of not walking worthy of the Lord. **Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10; 1 John 2:6**
- The goal is that they are preserved blameless at His coming. **1 Thessalonians 5:23**
Again: beware the pastors in the stairwells.
We need to teach what we've been taught. We can grow. But the fundamentals are foundational – that's how we build a ministry.
The fundamentals ARE exciting and WORTH transmitting. Get good at that. Beware teachings that pull us off our mission. **1 Timothy 6:3-5**
- We need to make sure that we confirm our family connection with those that we discipline.
"admonish him as a brother" **Vs 15**
- Anyone that's getting you away from what we're giving you, they are out of order.
If needed, MARK them. **Romans 16:17**

BEWARE: Satan consistently and successfully will get some saints to withdraw wrongly.

There are positive examples to mark too! Philippians 3:17

3. The discipler's _____ . Vs 7-9

- Disciples _____: Every Paul has a Timothy. Every Timothy follows a Paul. *Who are you following? Who's following you?*
- Paul's team didn't come with their own agenda. They were following the KING'S commands.
- "eat bread for nought" mooching. Eating your bread: all about making a living. Vs 8
- We need more ENSAMPLES = _____. They give _____ in 3D. A model exists for others to imitate.

BE SOMEONE that others can _____ and thereby be in the faith, faithfully serving.

4. The discipler's _____ . Vs 10-12

Practical commands.

- In other words, "Get a **job** you bum."
Genesis 2:15; 3:19; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Romans 12:11; Ephesians 4:28; Proverbs 6:6-11; 12:11

Paul wanted to comfort and assure the believers while they waited for the Son from heaven but some clearly developed a wrong view from that. Since Christ was returning soon, some took that to mean they were exempt from orderly living.

Paul described _____ specific types of sinful behavior that had emerged in some of the people who were waiting for Christ's return in an irresponsible way. **Vs 11-13; Galatians 6:7-9**

Pastor Morgan: "Easy _____ tends toward _____ character."

5. The _____.

- Closing **prayer**. **Vs 16**
How you get God's peace. When Christ is _____ and _____ your life.

Acts 10:36; Romans 15:33; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Philippians 4:7

- Closing **proof**. **Vs 17**
This is a proof against the _____! **2 Thessalonians 2:1-2**
- Closing **blessing**. **Vs 18**