



## The Do's and Don'ts of Living in the Light of Christ's Return

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers *and sisters*, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother *or sister* who leads a disorderly life and not *one* in accordance with the tradition which you received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined way among you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; <sup>9</sup> not because we do not have the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves as a role model for you, so that you would follow our example. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now we command and exhort such persons in the Lord Jesus Christ to work peacefully and eat their own bread. <sup>13</sup> But as for you, brothers *and sisters*, do not grow weary of doing good. <sup>14</sup> If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person *so as not to associate with him*, so that he will be put to shame. <sup>15</sup> And *yet* do not regard *that person* as an enemy, but admonish *that one* as a brother *or sister*.

### 1. Keep away from believers who lead a disorderly, undisciplined disobedient life and don't associate with them (6,14)

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## **2. Follow the example of disciplined and responsible believers (7-10)**

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## **3. Don't be undisciplined busybodies, instead work and support yourself (11-12)**

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## **4. Don't grow weary in doing good (13)**

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## **5. Admonish believers to be obedient and disciplined in following the Lord (15)**

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