

Dessert for Those Still Hungry!

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A case study on admonishing well—2 Thessalonians 3:6-16

Instructions: Find a set of colored pencils or highlighters.

- 1) Read through the verses below and highlight every place where Paul uses a plural pronoun (we, us, our, ourselves, etc.). What can we learn about admonishing well?
- 2) Read them again with another color and highlight the phrases “in... the Lord Jesus Christ.” What can we learn about admonishing well?
- 3) Read them again with another color and highlight the words “command” and “urge.” What can we learn about admonishing well?
- 4) Read them again with another color and highlight the allusions to family (brother, sister, etc.). What can we learn about admonishing well?
- 5) Read them again with another color and highlight all the places that Paul refers to the problem(s) in the church at Thessalonica. What can we learn about admonishing well?
- 6) Read the verses again with another color and highlight the places Paul mentions “example” and “imitate.” What can we learn about admonishing well?
- 7) Read them once more with another color and this time highlight Paul’s specific actions for the church to take regarding these undisciplined people. What can we learn about admonishing well?

6 But we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from any brother who lives an undisciplined life and not according to the tradition they received from us. 7 For you know yourselves how you must imitate us, because we did not behave without discipline among you, 8 and we did not eat anyone’s food without paying. Instead, in toil and drudgery we worked night and day in order not to burden any of you. 9 It was not because we do not have that right, but to give ourselves as an example for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this command: “If anyone is not willing to work, neither should he eat.” 11 For we hear that some among you are living an undisciplined life, not doing their own work but meddling in the work of others. 12 Now such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and so provide their own food to eat. 13 But you, brothers and sisters, do not grow weary in doing what is right. 14 But if anyone does not obey our message through this letter, take note of him and do not associate closely with him, so that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. 16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all. 2 Thessalonians 3 (NET)

- 8) Now pray that the Lord will equip you and use you when there is a need for admonishing.