

2 Thessalonians 3:13-18

Wear and Tear

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."
Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

1. Do Not Grow Weary 13-15

A. Do not lose heart

"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God."
2 Corinthians 4:1-2 ESV

"And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart." -Luke 18:1 ESV

"So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory." -Ephesians 3:13 ESV

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."
2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ESV

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."
Galatians 6:9-10 ESV

B. Treat well

"Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."
-Matthew 12:12 ESV

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you," -Luke 6:27 ESV

"So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."
-Acts 10:33 ESV

"Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble." -Philippians 4:14 ESV

2. How to Deal with the Disobedience 14, 15

A. Having Nothing to Do with Him 14

"I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."
1 Corinthians 5:9-13 ESV

Ultimately to produce life change and turnaround

"For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him."
2 Corinthians 2:6-8 ESV

"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter."
2 Corinthians 7:10-11 ESV

B. Deal with him like a brother

"You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." -Leviticus 19:16-18 ESV

3. Benediction 16-18

A. Peace

Shalom

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." -Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

"I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."
Romans 16:17-20 ESV

"Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."
2 Corinthians 13:11 ESV

B. The Power of Grace and Personal connection 17, 18

Reflection:

1. *When have you had to confront disobedience in someone else's life?*
2. *When have you experienced peace recently? What surrounded that peace? How would you explain to others how that peace is possible?*

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Galatians 5:22-23. If someone were to ask you how you fuel your work for the Lord what would you say? If someone asked how or when you have experienced joy what would you say? How do your answers go along with Galatians 5:22, 23?

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 16-18. What does Paul say about losing heart in these verses? What do they reject and what do they embrace? What can you apply to your life from these verses right now?

Wednesday: Galatians 6:9-10. What does Paul compare to the patience needed in not growing weary? How have you experienced this same patience needed in obedience?

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 2:6-8. What is the ultimate goal of discipline for Paul? Have you ever seen this carried out properly?

Friday: Leviticus 19:16-18. What instruction is given in these verses? How would you practically work this out?

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 13:11. List the commands in this verse. What seems realistic to you and what does not? Trust the Lord today with those commands that seem unrealistic to you.