

First Words:

The Expectation in Steadfastness – **2 Thessalonians 1:3-4**

The Explanation of Steadfastness – **2 Thessalonians 1:5-12**

The Education for Steadfastness – **2 Thessalonians 2:1-17**

The Exhortations concerning Steadfastness - **2 Thessalonians 3:1-18**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Church – **1 Thessalonians 3:6-11**

a. Its body

**1 Thessalonians 3:6** - *Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.*

1) The passion of the command - “*Now we command ...*”

2) The person of the command – “*... you...*”

3) The power of the command – “*...in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...*”

4) The prescription of the command – “*...that you keep away from....*”

5) The people of the command – “*...any brother...*”

6) The parameters of the command – “*...who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition...*”

7) The provider of the command – “*...that you received from us.*”

b. Its basis

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul, Silvanus and Timothy

a) We were not idle – **1 Thessalonians 3:7** - *For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you....*

b) We were not a burden – **1 Thessalonians 3:8** - *Nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.*

c) We were not demanding – **1 Thessalonians 3:9** - *It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.*

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul, Silvanus and Timothy

**2 Thessalonians 3:10** - *For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.*

a) It wasn’t new – “*For even when we were with you...*”

b) It was repeated – “*...we would give you this command....*”

c) It was clear – “*If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.*”

3) The \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul, Silvanus and Timothy

**2 Thessalonians 3:11** - *For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.*

a) The source of the report – “*For we hear....*”

b) The subjects of the report – “*...that some among you...*”

c) The substance of the report – “*...walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies...*”

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the Church – **1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

a. To the \_\_\_\_\_ – **1 Thessalonians 3:12**- *Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.*

1) The who – “*Now such persons....*”

2) The how – “*...we command and encourage...*”

3) The where – “*...in the Lord Jesus Christ...*”

4) The what – “*...to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.*”

b. To the \_\_\_\_\_ – **1 Thessalonians 3:13** - *As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.*

1) The who – “*As for you....*”

2) The how – “*...brothers...*”

3) The where – (assumed) - “*...in the Lord Jesus Christ...*”

4) The what – “*...do not grow weary in doing good.*”

Today's Takeaways

