

KEEPING ON IN DIFFICULT TIMES
(2 Thessalonians 3:13-18)

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1. "Brethren, do not grow _____ in doing good" (3:13)

2. Brethren, concerning those who are _____ to the Word...(3:14-15)

a. _____ them.

b. do not _____ with them.

* Why did Paul state this?

c. that the offenders may be _____ of their behavior!

d. this whole process of *church discipline* was designed not to be punitive, but_____.

e. do not *count* them as an_____.

f. instead, _____ them as _____.

E. Paul's Closing Words (3:16-18)

1. His closing _____ for these dear saints:

a. May the Lord of *peace* give you His _____. (3:16a)

b. May the Lord be with you to _____ or _____ you (3:16b)

c. May the Lord's _____ guide you in life (3:17)

* How is this indicated here?

* Why was this important here?

d. May God's _____ sustain you all (3:18)