



## Are Doing and Will Do (II Thess. 3:1-18)

### **Please Pray**

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#### ☑ **The Word**

☑ The spotlight is on the Lord.

- ☑ "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." John 5:19 NKJV
- ☑ "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that **all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father**. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." John 5:22-23 NKJV
- ☑ "How can you believe, who **receive honor from one another**, and do **not seek the honor that comes from the only God?**" John 5:44 NKJV
- ☑ "He who speaks from himself **seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him** is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him." John 7:18 NKJV
- ☑ All the Glory to God
  - ☑ The Son takes no self-directed action, but only what He sees His Father do.
  - ☑ Everyone must honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

- ☑ The only honor anyone should seek is that comes which come from God—not from men!
- ☑ If you experience anyone who is speaking from his own authority, know this. He is seeking to be glorified. True authority can only be found in a man who is submitted to God and points to Yahweh and Y'shua as the only Ones deserving of glory and honor.
- ☑ *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* John 3:30 NKJV
- ☑ The Word is powerful.
- ☑ "For the word of God is living and **powerful**, and **sharper** than any two-edged sword, **piercing** even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is **a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. And there is **no creature hidden from His sight**, but **all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account**." Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV
- ☑ Nothing can be hidden!
- ☑ The Word (and Y'shua is the Word) has penetrating energy—it drives down into the core, the root cause of every sin passion.
- ☑ It filets it open and exposes it.

- ☑ It's impossible to hide from God, who is the arbiter and judge of all things, and by law must to hold you accountable!
- ☑ *"For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light."* Luke 8:17 NKJV
- ☑ Y'shua is the Word incarnated as a Man.
- ☑ "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God. **\*All things were made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was **\*\*the light of men**. And **the light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness did not comprehend it." John 1:1-5 NKJV
- ☑ "And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of **the only begotten** of the Father, full of **grace and truth**." John 1:14 NKJV
- ☑ Connect the Dots
  - ☑ The Word of God is the Son of God.
  - ☑ He became a human to demonstrate what it would be like for the entire truth of God and His power to manifest in a man.

- ☑ And that it is possible for you to attain such as well.  
***"He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."*** 1 John 2:6 NKJV
- ☑ \**"He is **the image of the invisible God**, the **firstborn over all creation**. For **by Him all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him**. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."* Colossians 1:15-17 NKJV
- ☑ \*\**"Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **"I am the light of the world**. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* John 8:12 NKJV
- ☑ Implant God's Word in your heart!
- ☑ ***"With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth."*** Psalms 119:10-13 NKJV
- ☑ You're Number One Priority

- ☑ Seek God with every ounce of your being.
- ☑ Do not stray from His instructions.
- ☑ Learn a new language: Imprint God's word in your brain—learn to "Think in Bible!"
- ☑ Be horrified to disappoint God.
- ☑ Ask God every day to help you understand and obey His rules for life.
- ☑ Then shout the truth about God from the rooftops!
- ☑ What value does God place on His word?
- ☑ "I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. I will worship toward Your holy temple, **And praise Your name** For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For **You have magnified Your word above all Your name.** In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul. **All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, When they hear the words of Your mouth.**" Psalms 138:1-4 NKJV
- ☑ God glorifies His Word above His very own name.
- ☑ We praise His name; the rulers of the earth will praise His name, and yet...
- ☑ He place the power and importance of the Word above His name! Mediate on that!

☑ **Delivered from unreasonable and wicked men...**

- ☑ Not all have faith and even some who claim to adhere to the faith are wicked beyond imagination.
- ☑ Our prayer today is that God's people are delivered from the hand of these men.
- ☑ As of the date of this message, February 24, 2024, what is happening in our nation could not be more demonstrative of this very thing.
- ☑ "Unreasonable and wicked men are on the attack EVERYWHERE against righteousness and truth."
- ☑ What we are seeing is beyond the absurd. It is beyond what any rational person, with even the smallest hint of morals and decency, can accept.

☑ *"But **the Lord is faithful**, who will **establish you** and **guard you** from the evil one." II Thessalonians 3:3 NKJV*

☑ **The Lord is faithful...**

- ☑ He will establish (support, fix firmly, stabilize) and guard you...
- ☑ "Let your gentleness be known to all men. **The Lord is at hand**. Be anxious for nothing, but **in everything** by **prayer** and **supplication**, with **thanksgiving**, let your **requests** be made known to God; and **the peace of**

**God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good** report, if there is **any virtue** and if there is **anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.** The things which you **learned and received and heard and saw** in me, these do, and **the God of peace will be with you.**" Philippians 4:5-9 NKJV**

- ☑ Here's the way it works...
- ☑ The Lord is instantly available to you!
- ☑ You have ZERO reason for anxiety, but if you begin to feel overwhelmed—pray with intense desire as if your life depends on it; thank God for everything, even the very trial that is igniting the need for prayer; and then be clear with the Lord what it is you need.
- ☑ He already knows; your telling Him so you recognize what you need. And if your are off He will not grant your request, so you have no need to keep begging for the same thing—CHANGE YOUR REQUEST!
- ☑ *"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we **ask anything according to His will, He***

***hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.***” I John 5:14-15 NKJV

- ☑ Once that is dialed in, and you hit the exact request, a peace will overcome you that terminates the anxiety that was building!
- ☑ You won’t understand it with your intellect, but that is not required nor recommended!
- ☑ This is God preferred mechanism of stabilizing and guarding you.
- ☑ Then mediate and focus on the following:
  - ☑ Truth
  - ☑ God’s character.
  - ☑ Justice
  - ☑ Purity
  - ☑ Beautiful and pleasant things.
  - ☑ All things good!
  - ☑ Anything that is right in God’s eyes!
  - ☑ Anything worth praising in God’s eyes!
  - ☑ Anything you learned about, agreed with, heard about, or witnessed about God’s goodness for His people!

- ☑ Then God's Peace will overwhelm you and all anxiety will be abolished!
  
- ☑ *"And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you." //*  
*Thessalonians 3:4 NKJV*
- ☑ **You do and will do! (The namesake of this teaching!)**
  - ☑ Why do you call me Lord Lord?
  - ☑ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' **and do not do what I say?** As for everyone who **comes to me** and **hears my words** and **puts them into practice**, I will show you what they are like." Luke 6:46-47 \*NIV
  - ☑ A Three Step Process
    - ☑ Approach God!
    - ☑ Hear what He has to say!
    - ☑ Do what He tells you!
  - ☑ Do you want God's blessing and favor?
    - ☑ "But **be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.** For if anyone is **a hearer of the word and not a doer**, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty

and **continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer** of the work, **this one will be blessed** in what he does.” James 1:22-25 NKJV

- ☑ **“What does it profit**, my brethren, if **someone says he has faith but does not have works?** Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” **Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**” James 2:14-18 NKJV

- ☑ You must hear God AND do what He says...
- ☑ You are being self-deceived if you think you can simply hear God and not obey Him.
- ☑ Living like that is pointless. You will not experience the blessed life (at least not in a way that is pleasing to God and within His will.)
- ☑ In contrast, you will find yourself chasing a million other sources of pleasure and satisfaction—but none of it will bring you true joy.

- ☑ A life like that is a life of faith, but not the faith that is pleasing to God. It's a faith in all things NOT of God.
- ☑ God considers that a DEAD faith and it will never offer you true contentment.
- ☑ Do and keep doing! Perseverance...
- ☑ "And let us **not grow weary while doing good**, for **in due season we shall reap** if we do not lose heart."  
Galatians 6:9 NKJV
- ☑ Permanent self-control (keep doing!)
- ☑ Three reasons to persevere
  - ☑ 1. It's never the wrong time to do the right thing and some right things are meant to do forever.
  - ☑ 2. God loves to test you to prove what is in your heart.
  - ☑ 3. Sometimes you must conclude that you made an error along the way and you must recalibrate and redirect!
- ☑ "Now ***may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.***" II Thessalonians 3:5 NKJV
- ☑ **May it be that the Lord is the one who directs your heart!**
- ☑ The destination is Love. The goal is for Y'shua's divine nature to manifest completely in you and through you.

- ☑ "I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 NKJV
- ☑ "Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us**: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." II Corinthians 5:20 NKJV
- ☑ "But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV
- ☑ Here is how it works...
  - ☑ You are called to get out of the way and let Christ live through you.
  - ☑ He literally wants to speak and act through you as if you are Him.
  - ☑ And that is because the ultimate goal is that you ARE LIKE HIM!
- ☑ **Patience**
  - ☑ Think of God's patience with us.
  - ☑ "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is **longsuffering toward us**, not

willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” II Peter 3:9 NKJV

- ☑ Consider the Lord’s longsuffering.
- ☑ It will take Christlike patience, a heart like Christ’s as we wait for this manifestation.

## Don’t Be Idle

”But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you **withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition** which he received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to **follow us, for we were not disorderly** among you; **nor did we eat anyone’s bread free of charge**, but **worked with labor and toil night and day**, that we might **not be a burden** to any of you, **not because we do not have authority**, but to **make ourselves an example** of how you should follow us. For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: **If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat**. For we hear that there are some who **walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies**. Now those who are such we **command and exhort** through our Lord Jesus Christ that **they work in quietness and eat their own bread**. But as for you, brethren, **do not grow weary in doing good**. And if **anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person**

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☑ **Withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition**

☑ Fellowship with those who are subversive in the faith.

☑ “Brethren, **if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back**, let him know that **he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.**” James 5:19-20 NKJV

☑ “If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; **but he himself will be saved**, yet so as through fire.” I Corinthians 3:15 NKJV

☑ It is important to differentiate what Paul says here with what he says elsewhere about the behavior of those

who are among the Church, but who are NOT actually believers.

☑ In this case we are separating from those who are indeed Christians, but are not acting like Christians.

☑ And we are doing so that they might come to repentance and return to orderly living.

☑ **Separating to inspire repentance!**

☑ "I wrote to you in my epistle **not to keep company with sexually immoral people**. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral **people of this world**, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with **anyone named a brother**, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person." I Corinthians 5:9-11 NKJV

☑ "It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that **he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you**. For I indeed, as absent in body

but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.**" I Corinthians 5:1-5 NKJV

☑ **Separating from those who are NOT really Christians**

☑ "They went out from us, but they **were not of us**; for if **they had been of us**, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, **that none of them were of us.**" I John 2:19 NKJV

☑ "*For you yourselves know how you ought to **follow us**, for we were **not disorderly** among you; **nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge**, but **worked with labor and toil night and day**, that we might **not be a burden** to any of you, **not because we do not have authority**, but to **make ourselves an example** of how you should follow us.*" II Thessalonians 3:7-9 NKJV

☑ **Disorderly**

☑ **Context:** not working to make a living!

- ☑ Paul was laboring day and night in ministry and to make a living to support being in ministry.
- ☑ Some were not willing to work day and night!
- ☑ However, please note that if the ministry is your day and night work, it is perfectly appropriate to be paid to work in ministry.
- ☑ The right to be paid to share the Gospel
- ☑ "My defense to those who examine me is this: **Do we have no right** to eat and drink? **Do we have no right** to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? **Who ever goes to war at his own expense?** **Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?** Do I say these things as a mere man? **Or does not the law say the same also?** For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." **Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes?** For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. **If we have sown spiritual things for you, is**

**it a great thing if we reap your material things?** If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? **Nevertheless we have not used this right,** but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? **Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.”** I Corinthians 9:3-14 NKJV

☑ *“For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: **If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.**”* II Thessalonians 3:10 NKJV

☑ **No Free Rides!**

☑ One way or the other you need to work—inside the ministry, outside the ministry, or BOTH!

☑ *“For we hear that there are some who **walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.** Now those who are such we **command and exhort** through our Lord Jesus Christ that **they work in quietness and eat their own bread.**”* II Thessalonians 3:11-12 NKJV

☑ **Getting in other's business instead of working!**

- ☑ Mind your own business and get to work!

☑ *"But as for you, brethren, **do not grow weary in doing good.**"*

*II Thessalonians 3:13 NKJV*

☑ **Persevere**

- ☑ Do not grow weary in doing good!

☑ "Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; **for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.** For **he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit** reap everlasting life. **And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:6-10 NKJV

☑ *"And **if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.** Yet **do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.**" II Thessalonians 3:14-15 NKJV*

☑ **The word of this letter**

- ☑ Still Brothers: anyone who insists on opposing the instructions in this letter, you are to separate from them, but not as if they are unbelievers.
- ☑ Earlier we made that distinction—those who are not actually Christians from those who are truly Christians but are being disobedient.
- ☑ The hope is that separating from them will cause enough conviction to inspire change.

## Signed Paul

"Now may the Lord of **peace** Himself give you **peace** always **in every way**. The Lord **be with you** all. The salutation of Paul with my **own hand**, which is **a sign in every epistle**; so I write. The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." II Thessalonians 3:16-18 NKJV

## Scripture 1:26-50

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☑ **Peace!**

☑ "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, **live peaceably with all men.**" Romans 12:18 NKJV

☑ *"The salutation of Paul with my **own hand**, which is **a sign in every epistle**; so I write." II Thessalonians 3:17 NKJV*

☑ **Paul signed each letter with his own hand.**

☑ Paul has scribes who would actually record his words, but he would sign all his letters to prove their authenticity.

☑ Is this not precisely what we do today when we sign documents?

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☑ **Grace**

☑ God's supernatural empowerment to live the Christian life.

☑ "Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom **also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2 NKJV

☑ God's grace opens the heart and makes room for the faith to believe.

☑ That is the gift of faith!

- ☑ From then on you are live by faith, which gives you ongoing access to God's grace.
- ☑ That is the practice of faith!

### **NEXT TEACHING**

The Call of Wisdom (Proverbs 1:1-33)