

# LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

A dramatic landscape with dark, stormy clouds and a field of bare, skeletal trees in the foreground. The scene is dark and moody, with a sense of impending doom or a desolate, post-apocalyptic world. The trees are mostly without leaves, and the ground is covered in a mix of green and brown vegetation. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, with some light breaking through near the horizon.

*2 Thessalonians*

# 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-15



**“ADDRESSING BEHAVIORAL ERROR  
DUE TO DOCTRINAL ERROR”**



## **2 Thessalonians 3:6–15 (NKJV)**

6 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. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; 8 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,

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9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.



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13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good. 14 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. 15 Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.



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# The Behavioral Error:

## Observations:

- “brother” v. 6
- “walks disorderly” v. 6
- “will not work” v. 10
- “walk among you in a disorderly manner” v. 11
- “not working at all” v. 11
- “but are busybodies” v. 11







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# The Doctrinal Error:

## Observations:

- see 2 Thess. 2:1-2





## 2 Thessalonians 2:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

“They believed that the imminent return of Christ meant “soon”. Thus, instead of believing that Christ **COULD** come soon, they were convinced that He definitely **WOULD** come soon, and work was therefore no longer necessary for them”



*Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible*

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- **“We command you” v. 6**
- **“brethren” v. 6**
- **“withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly” v. 7**
- **“For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us” v. 7**
- **“Now those who are such we command and exhort” v. 12**
- **“But as for you brethren do not grow weary in doing good” v. 13**
- **“And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle” v. 14**
- **“Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother” v. 15**

# Addressing The Behavioral Error:

## Summary:

- **Withdraw from disorderly brethren**
- **Erring brethren must:**
  - 1- Work in quietness**
  - 2- eat their own bread**
- **The persistent erring brethren is to be noted and avoided**
- **Yet they are to be seen as a brother not an enemy**



# Application:



- Do you study to avoid behavioral error due to doctrinal error?
- Are you a giver or a taker?
- Do we understand the need at times to separate?
- Have we learned how to address behavioral issues within the church?



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