

Notes for 2 Thessalonians chapter 3:1-18

Reference	Doctrine	Implication	Cross References	Notes
1 Thess. 3:1-2	Prayer	Prayer is a gift God has given to His people and is effective before God. He hears our prayers and answers our prayers today just as He has His children throughout history.	1 Samuel 1:9-11; 2 Kings 19:20-36; 2 Kings 20:1-6; 1 Chronicles 4:10; Psalm 99:6; Acts 9:40; Acts 12:5-12; James 5:13-18; Matthew 6:9-13	<i>run</i> - from τρεχω (trecho) which is a verb used to describe people in a hurry or in a race (Luke 15:20; John 20:4). <i>glorified</i> - from δοξαζω (doxazo) which can mean: “to be honored, celebrated”
1 Thess. 3:3-5	God’s Preservation	God is active in our lives, watching out for us and protecting us from the Devil and any kind of danger.	1 Thessalonians 5:24; 2 Peter 2:9; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13; 2 Timothy 4:18; John 17:15; Hebrews 13:21	<i>faithful</i> (adj) - from πιστος (pistos) means: one who is “worthy of trust” or who “can be relied on.” It is related to “faith” or “believe.”
1 Thess. 3:6-12	Christian Stewardship	Christians should learn to make good use of the gifts and talents God has given. We are not to be lazy. Paul was an example to them of how they should work hard and serve the Lord.	Work: 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; 5:14; Ephesians 4:28; Proverbs 13:4; Paul’s Example: 2 Cor. 11:9; 1 Thessalonians 2:9	<i>disorderly</i> (adv)-from ατακτως (ataktos) is used of soldiers who walk out of order or are neglectful of their duty. It is only used twice in the NT, both times by Paul in this section (3:6, 3:11). It is related to the verb used in 3:7 – the only time that it is used.
1 Thess. 3:13	Love your Neighbor	While there are those who try to take advantage of Christian love, we are not to give up or stop looking for those who need love and help.	Galatians 6:9-10; Luke 6:35; Matthew 25:40; Hebrews 13:16; 1 John 3:17-18	<i>weary</i> (verb) - from εκκακεω (ekakeo) means: “to be utterly spiritless, to be wearied out, exhausted” (cf. Luke 18:1; Galatians 6:9).
1 Thess. 3:6 1 Thess. 3:14-15	Brotherly Admonition	Paul reminds us of our Christian responsibility toward a sinning brother. In love for them we are to 1) warn and 2) disassociate.	Matthew 18:15-18; 1 Timothy 6:5; 2 Timothy 3:5; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13;	<i>keep company with</i> (verb) - is a compound verb which means literally “mix with” and is often translated “associate with.” It is also used by Paul in 1 Corinthians 5:9,11.
1 Thess. 3:16-18	Benediction	Paul addresses our Savior, the Lord of peace” in the final prayer and benediction. Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) Who bought us peace through His death and offers it to us through His Word.	Paul’s salutation 1 Corinthians 16:21; Colossians 4:18 Benedictions Romans 16:24; 1 Cor. 16:23; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 6:24; Phil 4:23; Col. 4:18; 1 Thess. 5:28; 1 Tim. 6:21; 2 Tim. 4:22; Tit. 3:15; Phle. 1:25	“Lord of peace” - Ephesians 2:14-17; Philippians 4:7; John 14:27; Numbers 6:26 The letters of the New Testament are filled with closing benedictions, but Paul’s are probably the most familiar.