

In The Meantime

3/13/16



In The Meantime while awaiting, "the day of the Lord"

A. Two things to do

¹⁵So then, brethren,
stand firm
and
hold to the traditions
 which you were taught,
 whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

B. Two things to receive

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father,
 who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,
¹⁷comfort
and
strengthen your hearts
 in every good work and word.

C. Two things for which to pray

3:1 Finally, brethren,
pray for us
 that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified,
 just as *it did* also with you;
²and
 that we may be delivered from perverse and evil men;
 for not all have faith.

D. Two things the Lord will do

³But the Lord is faithful, and He will
strengthen
and
protect you
 from the evil *one*.
⁴And
we have confidence in the Lord concerning you,
 that you are doing and will *continue to do* what we command.

E. Two more things to receive

⁵And may the Lord direct your hearts
into the love of God
and
into the steadfastness of Christ.

F. Two more things to do

⁶Now we command you, brethren,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that you keep aloof from every brother
who leads an unruly life
and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

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⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example,
because

we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,
⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it,
but

with labor and hardship
we *kept* working night and day

so that we might not be a burden to any of you;
⁹not because we do not have the right *to this*,
but

in order to offer ourselves as a model for you,
that you might follow our example.

¹⁰For

even when we were with you,
we used to give you this order:
if anyone will not work, neither let him eat.

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¹¹ For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life,
doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to
work in quiet fashion
and
eat their own bread.

¹³But
as for you, brethren,
do not grow weary of doing good.

¹⁴And
if anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter,
take special note of that man
and
do not associate with him,
so that he may be put to shame.

¹⁵And *yet*
do not regard him as an enemy,
but
admonish him as a brother.

Conclusion

¹⁶Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace
in every circumstance.
The Lord be with you all!

¹⁷I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand,
and
this is a distinguishing mark in every letter;
this is the way I write.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.