



# "Keep It Up"

II THESSALONIANS 3:13-18

## **KEY POINT:**

Keep living in a way that pleases God.

A. Keep doing good (vs. 13).

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

Zephaniah 3:16

I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

**Revelation 2:3** 

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**II Corinthians 12:9** 

A. Keep doing good (vs. 13).

B. Keep away from those who refuse to obey (vs. 14-15).

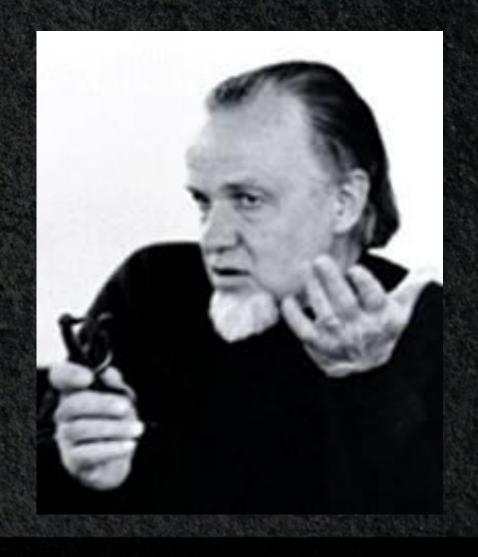
## What Does Paul Say to Do?

- 1. Identify them.
- 2. Have nothing to do with them.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

### Galatians 6:1

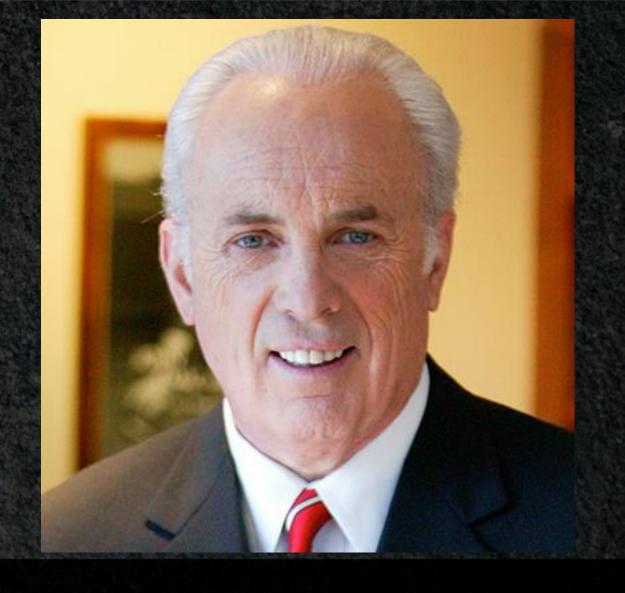
"It runs like this: (1) When we sin, God knows (because he exists and is infinite). (2) When we sin, the blessing slows or stops. It can even stop for a whole group on the basis of the sin of one or a few. (3) There will be judgment whether from ourselves in confessing our sin or from God. (4) If we return, the blessing rolls on again."



Francis Schaeffer

II. Final <u>Prayer</u> for the Church in Thessalonica (vs. 16)

Peace is the "the deep, settled confidence that all is well between the soul and God because of His loving, sovereign control of one's life both in time and eternity."



John MacArthur

God is the God of peace. (Rom 15:33; 16:20; II Cor 13:22; Phil 4:9; I Thess 5:23).

We can be at peace through Him, because He is in control of everything.

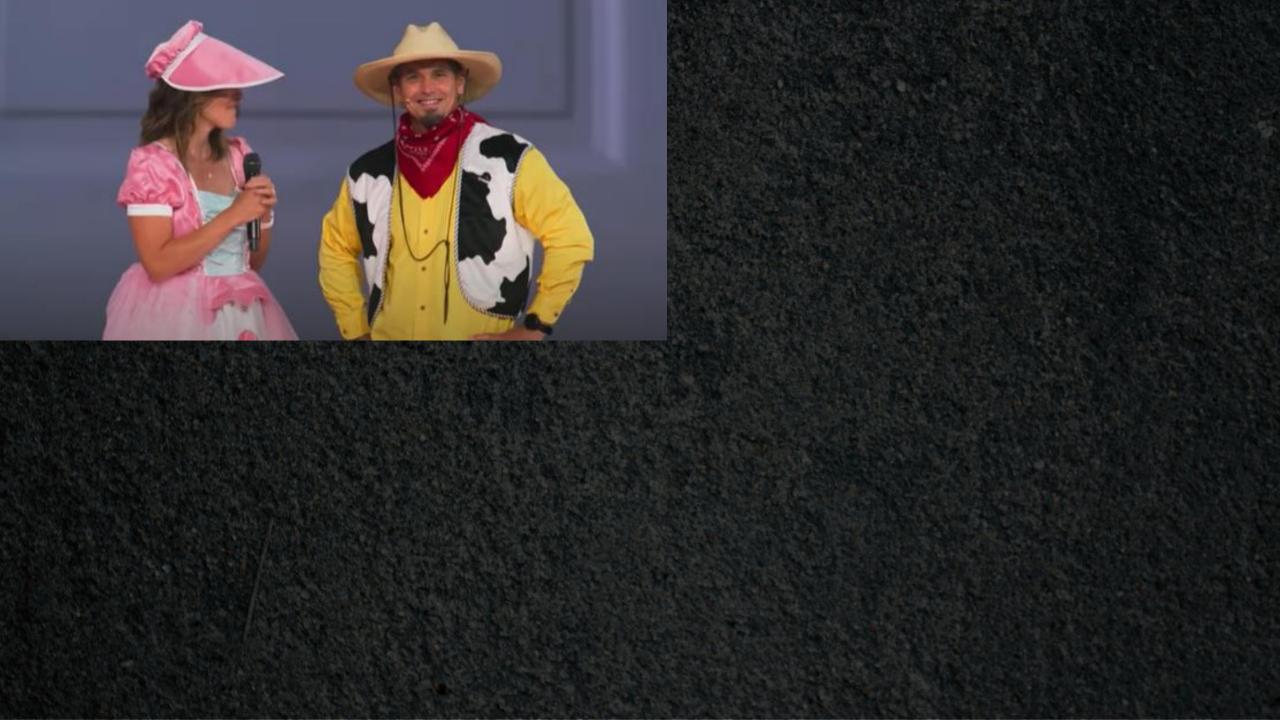
Our peace is dependent upon an unchanging God and unchanging relationship with God.

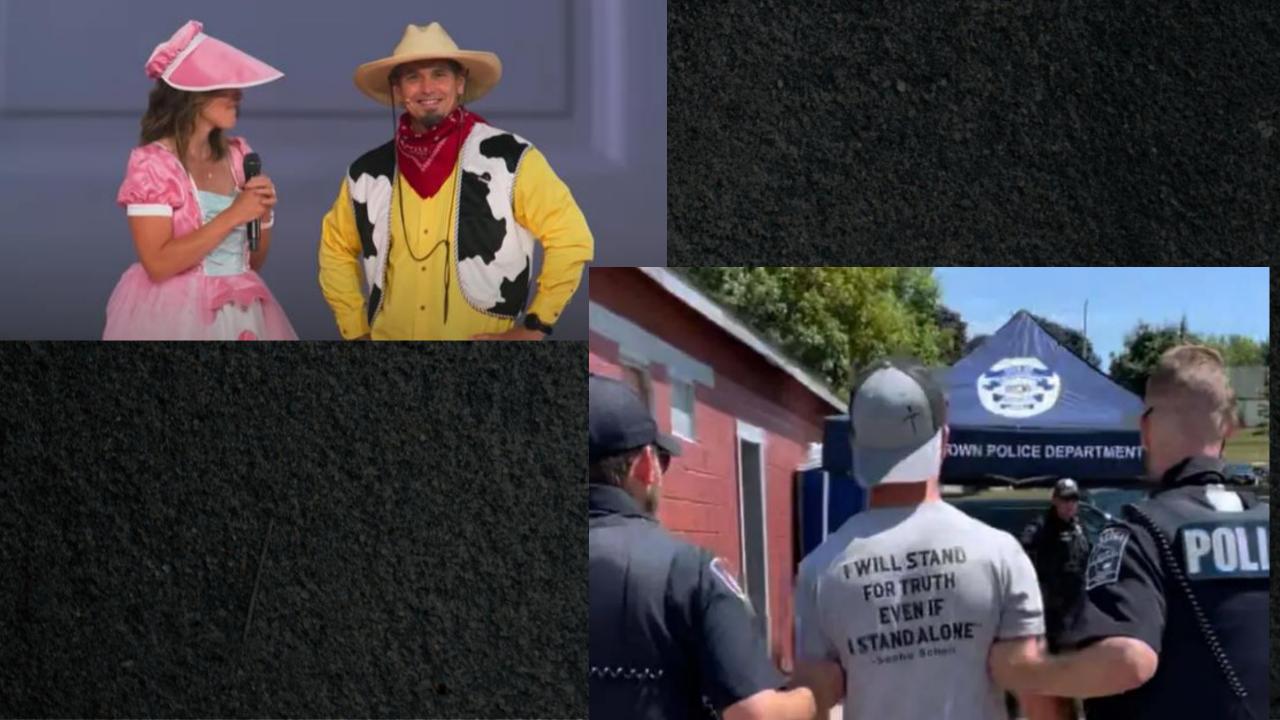
- 1. By trusting God (Ps 42:11)
- 2. By regularly repenting (Lev 26:3, 6)
- 3. By walking in the Spirit (Gal 5:22)

## **How Do We Invite Peace?**

II. Final Prayer for the Church in Thessalonica (vs. 16)

III. Final <u>Benediction</u> to the Church in Thessalonica (vs. 17-18)





Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

**II Timothy 2:15**