

# 2 Thessalonians 3:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed**—escalating discipline: **if any man obey not our word by this epistle** (refuses the written apostolic command), **note that man** (sēmeiouste touton, σημειοῦσθε τοῦτον, mark him out, identify him publicly). **Have no company with him** (mē synanamignysthai autō, μὴ συναναμίγγυσθαι αὐτῷ, don't associate/mix with)—social withdrawal.

Purpose: **that he may be ashamed** (hina entrapē, ἵνα ἐντραπῆ, feel ashamed, be brought to repentance). Shunning isn't vindictive but redemptive—designed to produce godly shame leading to change. The church protects its testimony while pursuing the sinner's restoration. This balances grace and accountability.

## Historical Context

In close-knit ancient communities, social exclusion was severe punishment. Being 'marked' meant public identification as under discipline. This preserved church purity and motivated repentance more effectively than private reproof. Modern individualism weakens this discipline's power.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does your church practice redemptive discipline for persistent, unrepentant sin?
2. When have you needed loving confrontation that produced godly shame and repentance?
3. How do you balance pursuing restoration with protecting the church's witness?

## Interlinear Text

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εἰ	δέ	τις	οὐχ	ὑπακούει	τῷ	λόγῳ	ἡμῶν	διὰ	τῆς
G1487	<b>And</b>	G5100	<b>not</b>	<b>obey</b>	G3588	<b>word</b>	<b>our</b>	<b>by</b>	G3588
		G1161		G3756	G5219		G2257		G1223
ἐπιστολῆς	τοῦτον	σημειοῦσθε		καὶ		μὴ	συναναμίγνυσθε		
<b>this epistle</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>note</b>		<b>man and</b>		<b>no</b>	<b>company with</b>		
G1992	G5126	G4593		G2532		G3361			G4874
αὐτῷ	ἴνα	ἐντραπῇ·							
<b>him</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>he may be ashamed</b>							
G846	G2443	G1788							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Titus 3:10** (Parallel theme): A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;

**1 Corinthians 5:11** (Parallel theme): But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an

idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

**2 Thessalonians 3:6** (Parallel theme): Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

**Psalms 83:16** (Parallel theme): Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

**1 Thessalonians 4:8** (Parallel theme): He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

**Proverbs 5:13** (Parallel theme): And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

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