

Who is Jesus?

Our Example - Being Patient with People

1 Thess 5:14-15 *Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.*

Points to Consider

1. Jesus Gave us the Ultimate Example in how to Warn the Unruly
2. Jesus Gave us the Ultimate Example in how to Comfort the Fainthearted
3. Jesus Gave us the Ultimate Example in how to Uphold the Weak

Warning the Unruly

We are to warn the unruly. The word unruly comes from a military term that means falling out of the ranks or a soldier who fails to keep step. In the first century the word started taking on the connotation of one who is idle or lazy.

2 Thess 3:6-12 *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, 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. NKJV*

We are to _____ from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the teachings of the apostles.

One way to walk disorderly is by _____ working.

Walking disorderly is a _____ we make to follow our own desires instead of God's.

Matt 15:1-11 *Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." 3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God" — 6 then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from*

Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."
10 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand:
11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this
defiles a man." NKJV

The Pharisees were accusing Jesus' disciples of being unruly by falling out of rank with the tradition of the _____.
Jesus told them they were not following God's _____.

Matt 21:31-32 *Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.* NKJV

Instead of accusing the tax collectors and harlots of being unruly, Jesus admonished the chief priest and the elders to "fall back in line" by doing what they are told.

Matt 21:43-46 *Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." 45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. 46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.* NKJV

Jesus warned the chief priests and the Pharisees that they were not going to be part of God's kingdom going _____.

In Matthew 23 Jesus warns the scribes and Pharisees by telling them their behavior was _____.

Matt 16:22-23 *Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" 23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."* NKJV

Jesus sharply warned one of His closest friends when he didn't want to _____ to God's plan.

Comforting the Fainthearted

John 16:5-11 *"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

John 16:31-33 *Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." NKJV*

In John 14-17 John records _____ statements made by Jesus intending to comfort them when they were faint of heart.

John 21:15-19 *So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. 18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." NKJV*

Jesus was reminding Peter that he still had _____ difficult moments to face, but in those moments Peter needed to have the courage to follow Him.

Upholding the Weak

Rom 5:6-8 *For when we were still **without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. NKJV*

Those who are spiritually "without strength" are easily _____ up in sin.

1 Cor 8:7-10 *However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. 9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are **weak**. NKJV*

Paul taught that the weak brother is sometimes weak because he lacks _____ and experience.

Acts 4:8-11 *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a **helpless** man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. NKJV*

_____ people are dependent on the support of others.

Matt 25:44-45 *Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or **sick** or in prison, and did not minister to You?' NKJV*

Jesus will judge us on how we help the _____ or weak.

Mark 5:31-34 *But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" 32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction." NKJV*

Jesus _____ a lady who came to him helpless, hopeless and fearful.

Luke 7:47-50 *Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." 48 Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."*

Simon thought this lady needed admonishing because she was a sinner. Jesus knew she needed support in order to _____ her many sins.

Matt 26:40-41 *Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." NKJV*

As long as we live we will always have to be aware that the flesh is weak. We will _____ need to be supported from time-to-time.

It takes patience to warn the unruly, comfort the fainthearted and to support the weak. Our goal for all people is the salvation of their souls!

Jesus is our ultimate example on how to:

1. warn the unruly.
2. comfort the fainthearted.
3. support the weak.