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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*
(2 Tim. 3:15)



Purity in The Pews

{1 Thessalonians 5:14,15}

(v.14) *Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.*

(v.15) *See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.*

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- “warn them that are unruly...” – unruly [Grk.] an adjective which means out of line, out of place, disorderly, unruly, insubordinate, lazy, idle, acting in defiance of good order.
- It’s a reference to someone who is going their own way like a soldier who is out of step with the rest of the platoon.
- They must be warned [Rom. 16:17] that punishment delayed does not mean punishment denied.
- When we warn people we must still uphold our Christian character. [Col. 4:6; Gal. 6:1]
- “comfort the feebleminded...” (encourage the fainthearted) – feebleminded [Grk.] small souled, little-spirited, the faint-hearted, the despondent, fretful, discouraged, worried.
- This is a reference to someone who is easily discouraged. They are not to be made fun of or ridiculed but they are to be encouraged. [Is. 40:31; Ps. 27:1]
- “support the weak...” (help the weak) – weak [Grk.] literally means without strength, but in the present context it refers to spiritual weakness.
- Paul paints a picture of someone who is constantly returning to sin in their lives.
- These people sometimes find it harder to do what is right because of their spiritual weaknesses. According to Paul, they need more than encouragement: they actually need someone to come alongside and help them to do right.

