

B. Prohibitive

This construction is used to express a negative command which prohibits the continuance of an act which is in progress.

This mood is communicated by the present tense only and the verb is always accompanied by the negative particle *me*.

A good example is the prohibition of Romans 12:2 which we have noted often in the past. It is the verse which mandates that we withdraw from the Satanic Academy of Cosmic Didactics and enroll in the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics.

Romans 12:2 [CTL] - Stop being molded to this age but be transformed by the renovation of your thought, in order that you may prove what the will of God is, namely, the good, the well-pleasing, and the complete.

“*Stop being molded*” is the present middle imperative of the verb *suschematizo* + the negative particle *me*. (See paragraph B above.)

“*Be transformed*” is the present passive imperative of the verb *metamorphoo*.

This is cohortative or positive command. It is a direct appeal in the present tense. Thus, in this verse we see the first two uses of the imperative indicate to us the key to executing the Christian way of life: Stop being contorted by the world and start being transformed by the thinking of God.

These commands are very clear to any who wish to note them. But the reality of their fulfillment is rare, thus demonstrating the principle of Greek grammar:

“*The imperative mood expresses neither probability nor possibility, but only intention, and is, therefore, the furthest removed from reality.*”