

D. Permission

Although this is indeed a command, it is issued with the understanding that the objects of the request are in willing compliance with the expressed desire. This means that this use of the imperative involves both consent as well as command.

The best example we can give for this application is our recently completed study of:

Philippians 2:12 - So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed by teachings, not only in my presence but now much more in my absence, continue the willing cultivation of your streams of consciousness to the ultimate conclusion of harvesting your own deliverance from danger and your own preservation from persecution, accompanied by reverence and respect.