

"One Another" Series - Encourage

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How or why should we encourage one another?

We should desire to be encouragers, not so much to be favored, but because it's a God-idea and attribute. **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**

1) Because Of Our Position In Christ

Nothing compares to our position in Christ; it is essentially eternal, considerably complete, significantly secure and always abounding.

Our position can never be altered, revoked or improved upon, for eternity.

Galatians 6:1-3

2) By Bearing One Another's Burdens To Fulfill The Law Of Christ

This is someone who has "fallen from a close position", to become "a defector"; it's suggesting someone who's had fellowship with Jesus, who has followed Him or served Him well perhaps, but sin and rebellion have disrupted.

Spiritual Christians are to "restore such a one"; and we're to do so with gentleness, looking at our own propensity to wander away.

There may be a need for church discipline, depending on the severity of the situation (as the Lord leads), but at times we're to come alongside them & carry their burden/load, in the love of Jesus.

Speaking words of edification literally gives grace to the person who hears them. So let's bear one another's burdens, to fulfill the law of Christ.

Hebrews 10:19-25

3) We're To Stimulate One Another To Love And Good Deeds ***Vs.25**

How are we to "stimulate on another"?... We are most fully the church in a setting like this (being together corporately).

This is where we can most fully encourage one another, through things like worship - through preaching +teaching - through baptism - through the Lord's Supper - through the fellowship of the Spirit.

The key is to not be a casual participant; be joyful, enthusiastic... Bring life and energy!

As we come together to be the church, & having *encountered Him*; God help us to then go out & make Him known!

This is why we're not to forsake "our own assembling together as is the habit of some", because they're missing out on "encouraging one another" in these and other ways.

We need encouragement. It benefits us to give it and to receive it, as it's to be reciprocated.

Being built-up in your faith can be synonymous with being challenged.

Challenge can often bring results, especially as others join us in this life and faith struggle.

How can you stimulate love in our church?

How can you stimulate good deeds in our church?

God help us to "stimulate one another to love and good deeds".