

The Importance of Encouragement in the Body of Christ

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1. as in Greek authors, to admonish, exhort: absolutely, Luke 3:18

2. to beg, entreat, beseech

3. to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort, 2 Cor 2:7

4. to encourage, strengthen Eph 6:22

5. it combines the ideas of exhorting and comforting and encouraging in Rom 12:8

6. to instruct, teach: Titus 1:9

What the Bible Teaches About Encouraging Others - All Scriptures from the NIV

People at war must be encouraged

2 Samuel 19:7 Now go out and encourage your men. I swear by the LORD that if you don't go out, not a man will be left with you by nightfall. This will be worse for you than all the calamities that have come upon you from your youth till now."

Encouragement brings relief

Job 16:5 But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief.

God encourages the afflicted

Psalms 10:17 You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,

We are to encourage the oppressed

Isaiah 1:17 learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.

Early disciples emphasized a ministry of encouragement

Acts 15:32 Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers.

Encouraging others is a spiritual gift to be exercised

Romans 12:8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others . . .

Paul sent emissaries to encourage the family of God

Colossians 4:8 I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts.

We are commanded to encourage one another

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

We are to encourage one another without procrastination

Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

One of the primary purposes of meeting together is to encourage disciples to love and good deeds

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

"We become what the important people in our lives encourage us to become. We can encourage others with a touch, a look, a gift, a gesture, but most often with our words." FMN

