

BELONGING TO ONE ANOTHER



R o m a n s 1 2 : 5

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

--1 Thess.5:11



Encourage One Another



Encourage One Another

1. to inspire with courage, spirit, or confidence:
2. to stimulate by assistance, approval, etc
3. to promote, advance, or foster



—*Synonyms*

embolden, hearten, reassure, urge, support, aid, stimulate, spur on.



WHY?

Encourage One Another

The Importance

◆ **It is the Need of our Day**



“No one
cares for
my Soul”

--Ps. 142:4, David



Heb 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. (NIV)*



WHY?

Encourage One Another

The Importance

- ◆ It is the Need of our Day
- ◆ **It is the Unique Priority of God**



2 Thess 2:16,17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

(NIV)



WHY?

Encourage One Another

The Importance

- ◆ It is the Need of our Day
- ◆ It is the Unique Priority of God
- ◆ **It is the Aim of the Bible & Bible Teaching**



Rom 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (NIV)



2 Tim 4:2

*Preach the Word; be prepared in season
and out of season; correct, rebuke and
encourage-with great patience and
careful instruction. (NIV)*



WHY?

Encourage One Another

The Importance

- ◆ It is the Need of our Day
- ◆ It is the Unique Priority of God
- ◆ It is the Aim of Bible Teaching
- ◆ **It is a Purpose of God's People**



1 Thess 4:18

*Encourage each other
with these words* (NIV)



1 Thess 5:14

And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.” (NIV)



Romans 12:6,8

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us...if it is encouraging, let him encourage;
(NIV)



WHY?

Encourage One Another

The Importance

◆ **It is an Opportunity to Begin a
Never Ending Process**



Eccl. 11:1

*Cast your bread upon the waters for
you will find it after many days* (NIV)



HOW?

Encourage One Another

3 Ways We Are Encouraged

◆ **By What We Hear**



Prov 12:25

*Anxiety in the heart of a man
weighs it down, but a good
words makes it glad.” (NAS)*



Prov 16:24

*Pleasant words are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul and healing to
the bones. (NIV)*



HOW?

Encourage One Another

3 Ways We Are Encouraged

- ◆ **By What We Hear**
- ◆ **By What We Read**
- ◆ **By What We Sense**



Eccl. 3:5

There is a time to embrace.

Rom 16:16

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Acts 20:37

They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him.



WHO? Encourage One Another

- ◆ Elders
- ◆ Deacons
- ◆ Preachers
- ◆ Teachers
- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Young People
- ◆ You!
- ◆ Aged
- ◆ Weak
- ◆ New Christians
- ◆ Sick & Shuts-ins
- ◆ Death in Family
- ◆ Personal Trials



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Heb 10:25

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...but let us encourage one another...”



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