

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER / *Hebrews 10:24-25*

Christians are to encourage one another. A word of encouragement offered at the right moment can be the difference between staying strong in the faith or collapsing along the way. Believers ought to be sensitive to one another's needs for encouragement, ready to offer supportive words or actions. The Bible gives several examples of encouragement and commands for believers to encourage each other:

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| Deuteronomy 3:28 | "But commission Joshua and encourage him, for he will lead the people across the Jordan. He will give them the land you now see before you." |
| Acts 4:36 | "For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means "Son of Encouragement"). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus." |
| Acts 15:32 | "Then Judas and Silas, both being prophets, spoke extensively to the Christians, encouraging and strengthening their faith." |
| Romans 12:6, 8 | "God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. . . . If your gift is to encourage others, do it." |
| Romans 15:4-5 | "Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. They give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises. May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other." |
| Ephesians 6:22 | "I am sending him [Tychicus] to you for just this purpose. He will let you know how we are, and he will encourage you." |
| 1 Thessalonians 3:2 | "We sent Timothy to visit you. He is our coworker for God and our brother in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith." |
| 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11, 14 | <p>"So comfort and encourage each other with these words.</p> <p>So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.</p> <p>Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone."</p> |
| 2 Timothy 4:2 | "Preach the word of God. Be persistent, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching." |
| 1 Peter 5:12 | "I have written this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I consider a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that the grace of God is with you no matter what happens." |