

Exhortation

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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We all need exhortation/encouragement in the faith.

- God expects us to exhort one another –

Hebrews 3:12-14, “*but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin*”

Hebrews 10:24-25, “*not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting (one another); and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.*”

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We all need exhortation/encouragement in the faith.

- God expects us to receive exhortation – **Hebrews 13:22**, “*But I exhort you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written unto you in few words.*”

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Exhort

- **parakaleo** – “To call to a person ... to call on, entreat ... to admonish, to urge” “to console, to encourage, to strengthen, to instruct, to teach; to urge one to pursue some course of conduct.” (Vine) – “*Give heed ...*” **1 Timothy 4:13 (15)**

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Source Of Exhortations

- **Gospel** – **1 Thessalonians 2:1-4;**
2 Timothy 4:2
“*Word of exhortation.*” **Hebrews 13:22**
- **Effective exhortation does not come from:**
 - Fables (invented stories). **2 Timothy 4:3**
 - False doctrine (error). **1 Thessalonians 2:3**
 - Excellency of speech, human wisdom, or traditions. **1 Corinthians 2:1, 4**

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Purpose Of Exhortation

- **Instruction** – **Acts 11:22-23**
- **Persuasion:**
 - To save yourself. **Acts 2:40**
 - To continue. **Acts 13:43**
 - With urgency. **2 Corinthians 8:4-6**

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Purpose Of Exhortation

- **Strengthen – Acts 14:22**
- **Comfort** (consolation and encouragement) – **Philippians 2:1ff**
 - To help endure. **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**
 - To strengthen. **Hebrews 3:12-13**

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Ways To Exhort

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WRONG

- Error. **2:3**
- Uncleaness. **2:3**
- Deceit. **2:3**
- Please men. **2:4, 2**
- Flattery. **2:5**
(**Proverbs 26:28**)
- Covetousness. **2:5**
- Men's glory. **2:6**

RIGHT

- Truth. **2 Timothy 4:2**
- Straightforward. **Acts 14:22**
- Purity. **2:10**
- Please God. **2:4**
- As a nurse. **2:7**
- As Father. **2:11**
- God's glory. **2:12**

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Traits Of The Exhorter

Acts 11:22-24

Barnabas (son of exhortation Acts 4:36)

- **Considers his brethren – Acts 11:22-24**
 - Caring and giving. **Philippians 2:3-4, 20**
(**2 Corinthians 11:28-29**); **Hebrews 10:24**
- **Assesses the situation and praises whenever he can – Acts 11:23**
 - “*Longsuffering and teaching.*” **2 Timothy 4:2**

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Traits Of The Exhorter

(Acts 11:22-24)

- **Avoids hypocrisy – Acts 11:24;**
cf. Romans 2:17ff
 - Upright, honorable. **Matthew 7:1-5**
- **Full of the Holy Spirit – Acts 11:24**
 - Under the Spirit's control. **Ephesians 5:18;**
Colossians 3:16; Galatians 5:16, 18, 22-25
- **Full of faith – Acts 11:24 (2 Corinthians 5:7)**
 - We will only exhort in proportion to our faith.
Romans 12:6, 8

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Accepting Exhortation

(What we must do with it)

- **Assess the exhortation**
 - Is it the truth? **Acts 2:40-41; 17:11-12**
- **Receive it and use it to grow stronger in Christ – Acts 11:24, 26;**
1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

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Accepting Exhortation

(What we must do with it ?)

- **Be thankful for the one who exhorted you!**

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