

Exhortation

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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1 Thessalonians 4:1, “Finally then, brethren, we beseech and **exhort** you in the Lord Jesus, that, as ye received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, even as ye do walk, – that ye abound more and more.”

1 Thessalonians 4:10, “for indeed ye do it toward all the brethren that are in all Macedonia. But we **exhort** you, brethren, that ye abound more and more”

1 Thessalonians 5:11, “Wherefore **exhort** one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14, “And we **exhort** you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be longsuffering toward all.”

2 Thessalonians 3:12, “Now them that are such we command and **exhort** in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.”

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We all need exhortation/encouragement in the faith.

- God expects us to exhort one another –

Hebrews 3:13, “*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 10:25, “*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**

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
- **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

Ways To Exhort 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

WRONG

- Error. 2:3
- Uncleanness. 2:3
- Deceit. 2:3
- Please men. 2:4, 2
- Flattery. 2:5
(Proverbs 26:28)
- Covetousness. 2:5

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
- Men's glory. 2:6 ➤ God's glory. 2:12

Traits Of The Exhorter

Acts 11:22-24

Barnabas (son of exhortation Acts 4:36)

- **Considers his brethren** – Acts 11:22
 - 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

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

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

Accepting Exhortation

(What we must do with it ?)

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