

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 3:13, “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*

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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*
 - 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 2:17-23*
 - Upright, honorable. *Matthew 7:1-5; cf. John 7:24*
- **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; cf. 1 Peter 5:6-7*

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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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