

# How to be an **ENCOURAGER**

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# Acts 11:20-24

20. But there were some of them, Cypriot and Cyrenian men, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Hellenists, proclaiming the good news about the Lord Jesus.
21. The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.
22. Then the report about them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to travel as far as Antioch.

- 23. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with a firm resolve of the heart—**
- 24. for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith—and large numbers of people were added to the Lord.**
- 25. Then he went to Tarsus to search for Saul,**
- 26. and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught large numbers, and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.**

# Christians Are Commanded To Encourage Each Other

- “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

- “But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin’s deception.” (Hebrews 3:13)

# Christians Are Commanded To Encourage Each Other

- “Not staying away from our meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25)

# The Witness of Encouragement

**People need encouragement.**

**Cynical View of Life – People are repeatedly disappointed and disillusioned with what this world has given them**

**Positive people point them to better dreams.**

# The Witness of Encouragement

- **Self-Centeredness – With so many self-centered people around folks feel locked out and isolated.**

**Encouragers reach out and include them in.**

- **Fear – People fear rejection.**

**Encouragers help people see past their fears.**

# **We are Encouraged When...**

- 1. Our strengths are confirmed**
- 2. Our direction is affirmed**
- 3. Our hard times (sufferings & failures) are put into perspective**
- 4. Our efforts are appreciated**
- 5. Our higher motives are inspired**



# **1. We Encourage When We Confirm the Strengths of Others**

**“For I want very much to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, to be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”**

**(Romans 1:11-12)**

# 1. We Encourage When We Confirm the Strengths of Others

**We can encourage someone by saying:**

- You are good at...
- I believe you have the spiritual gift of...
- You seem gifted in .....

## **2. We Encourage When We Affirm The Direction of Others**

- **“When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with a firm resolve of the heart” (Acts 11:23)**

## **2. We Encourage When We Affirm The Direction of Others**

- **“Finally then, brothers, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received from us how you must walk and please God—as you are doing—do so even more.” (1 Thessalonians 4:1)**

### **3. We Encourage When We Help Others Put Hard Times into Perspective**

- **Paul and Barnabas returned to some churches they had started, “Strengthening the hearts of the disciples by encouraging them to continue in the faith, and by telling them, ‘It is necessary to pass through many troubles on our way into the kingdom of God.’” (Acts 14:22)**

### **3. We Encourage When We Help Others Put Hard Times into Perspective**

- Heaven will make our sufferings look small.
- “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (2 Corinthians 4:17)”
- Failures aren’t final.
- There is an “After this..”

## **4. We Encourage When We Appreciate the Efforts of Others**

- **“For I have great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.”**

**(Philemon 1:7)**

## **4. We Encourage When We Appreciate the Efforts of Others**

**“Thanks so much for leading worship today. I was really blessed by God through you.”**

**“I really appreciated that Word you gave me the other day. It really spoke to my heart!”**



## **5. We Encourage When We Inspire Higher Motives in Others**

- **“May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word.”**

**(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)**

## **5. We Encourage When We Inspire Higher Motives in Others**

- **“God loves you and wants to use you to change the world and Build His Kingdom.”**
- **“I know God has a special plan for you. As I prayed for you, I could sense God’s hand on you life.”**

# **HOW TO BE AN ENCOURAGER**

**“I always thank God for you  
because of his grace given you  
in Christ Jesus.”**

**(1 Corinthians 1:3)**

# **HOW TO BE AN ENCOURAGER**

**Father God, thank You for  
the Spirit of Encouragement  
that You are filling us with  
right now.**

**In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

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