

Sermon Series Devotional Guide

Members of one another

a study of the "one anothers"

"Admonish one another"

Congratulations, you did it! You have come to the end of our study of the "one anothers" of Scripture. Believe it or not, we didn't have time to cover them all! I trust that you will take the time to search out the other statements and endeavor to put them into practice.

In this final week we study a statement that is made throughout Scripture but especially in Romans 15:14, "Now I myself am confident, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."

The Greek word for "admonish" speaks of correction, of warning. Admittedly, this may seem like a strange injunction to practice in a loving community. How is it loving to correct another? But the truth is, true love is willing to take the risk and correct another who is in sin. As Gene Getz writes, "There is no greater sign of love than to be willing to risk rejection and broken relationships with others. And if admonishment is done in the right spirit, with the right motive, using the appropriate method, the person who is not living a life worthy of the Gospel of Christ usually senses the risk you are taking."¹

Read

❖ Colossians 1:28,29

Study

1. Who is the one that we are proclaim?

2. What do you think it means to admonish another with all wisdom?

3. What does Scripture say is the goal of admonishment?

Reflect

Admonishment does not mean that we go around looking for faults in others. No, it must be done with the proper goal. Today, we discovered that the objective is to help others become more mature in Christ. So reflect ... when you admonish another do you do so out of the desire, not to tear them down or embarrass them, but to build them up and become mature in the faith?

Pray

- ❖ Lord speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone; As Thou has sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and alone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart; And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depth of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow, In kindling tho't and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt and when and where; Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy Thy glory share."²

For our church:

- ❖ Two weeks from today we welcome Rev. Eric Campbell as our new interim pastor. As he gives himself fully to the work of the Lord pray that he would continue to stand firm, letting nothing move him, "*knowing that his labor in the Lord is not in vain.*" (1 Corinthians 15:58)