

How to Be an Encourager – Part 2

Introduction:

- This series is designed to teach you how to make a spiritually significant difference in one simple but effective way: By _____ other people.
- God's Word changes us, and _____ it can change others too.
- The best way we can learn to truly be an encouragement to others is to learn to speak the Words of _____ into the lives of others.

1. Becoming God's _____ workers.

***1 Cor 3.5–9** What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. **6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.** **7** So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. **8** He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. **9 For we are God's fellow workers.** You are God's field, God's building.*

A. We have a role to play.

- Encouraging one another is something our Lord has _____ us to do.

***1 Thess 5.11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

***Heb 10.25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

- Speaking God's Word to one another is a key way God has _____ us to serve one another.

***1 Pet 4.7–11** The end of all things is at hand; therefore **be self-controlled and sober-minded** for the sake of your prayers. **8** Above all, **keep loving one another earnestly**, since love covers a multitude of sins. **9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.** **10** As each has received a gift, **use it to serve one another**, as good stewards of God's varied grace: **11 whoever speaks**, as one who speaks oracles of God; **whoever serves**, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order **that in everything God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

B. We must move from being spectators to _____.

1. What really matters is that we speak God's Word in _____ ways we can!

2. Paul's approach was to use _____ methods to speak God's Word to others.

Acts 20.17–21 Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and **teaching you in public and from house to house**, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Our life and actions must _____ our words.

1 Cor 9.27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

4. Simply begin _____ God's Word in order to encourage others.

- Christian encouragement is simply speaking God's powerful Word to someone in love, so that they might grow to maturity in Christ.

2. What to _____ to encourage someone.

- God's Word changes us, and through us it can change others too.

A. The _____ is our message.

- Speaking God's Word to a situation in everyday life isn't done by just _____ a Bible verse.
- More often, it's done by summarizing, in your _____ what the Bible says about a particular topic.

B. Which _____ of the Bible are useful for encouraging others?

- There's no _____ of material in the Bible for us to use!

2 Tim 3.16–17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and **profitable** for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be **complete, equipped for every good work.***

- The basic truths from God’s Word that we are to speak will _____ change.

Isa 40.8 *The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

- The specific content of the Bible we speak will change according to what best _____ the person and the situation.

Eph 4.15 *Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*

Eph 4.25 *Therefore, having put away falsehood, **let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor**, for we are members one of another.*

Eph 5.19 *addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,*

Eph 4.29 *Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, **as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.***

C. CASE STUDY: Encouraging the _____.

- How do you come along side and encourage someone having a hard time in life?

Rom 12.15 *Rejoice with those who rejoice, **weep with those who weep.***

Prov 12.25 *Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs him down,
but a good word makes him glad.*

Prov 15.23 *To make an apt answer is a joy to a man,
and a word in season, how good it is!*

Psa 119.107 *I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word!*

Conclusion:

- **God's Word changes us, and through us it can change others too.**

2 Cor 2.15–17 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.