

**“Encourage One Another”
1 Thes. 5:9-11**

1. The M_____ of encouragement (Romans 15:5-6)

“The act of influencing another with renewed courage, resolve, or hope.”

“Discipleship... means to love one another by speaking
and living according to God’s Word together.”¹

2. The M_____ of encouragement (1 Thes. 5:11)

A. The problem of the W_____ (1 John 5:19; Job 14:1)

“It is hardly possible to live in this sin-cursed world without experiencing situations in which we are tempted to be discouraged... Jesus warned us, ‘In the world you will have tribulation’ (John 16:33).”²

B. The problem of the H_____ (Jer. 17:9; Luke 6:45)

- (1) Not natural (Phil. 2:4)
- (2) Not normal (Phil. 4:9)
- (3) Not sincere (Phil. 2:3)

3. The M_____ of encouragement (1 Thes. 5:9-10)

4. The M_____ of encouragement

- A. Jesus (John 16:33)
- B. Paul (1 Thes. 5:11)
- C. Barnabas (Acts 4:36)
- D. Psalms, Hebrews, Ephesians, etc...

5. The M_____ of encouragement (Col. 2:2; 1 Th. 2:12, 4:18, 5:11, 14)

- A. The P_____ of God (Rom. 8:1, 18, 28-29, 38-39)
- B. The P_____ of God (Mt. 28:20; Eph. 1:13-14; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 13:5-6)
- C. The P_____ of God (Phil. 1:6, 2:12-13, 4:13; Col. 1:29)

¹ Pierre & Reju, *The Pastor and Counseling*, 107.

² Wayne Mack, *Down, But Not Out: How to Get Up When Life Knocks You Down*, 207.

D. The P _____ of God (Gen. 50:20; Ps. 119:91)

“God will not protect us from what He will perfect us through.”³

“Nothing could be more encouraging than to know that God is in control and that He is sovereignly pursuing the honor of His Name and the good of His people - these two pursuits never contradict one another.”⁴

E. The P _____ of God (2 Pt. 1:3-4; Phil. 4:19; 2 Cor. 9:8)

F.

G. The P _____ observed (Gal. 5:22-23, 2 Pt. 1:5-8)

- (1) Say “Thank You” to others who faithfully do you spiritual good.
- (2) Encourage where you see the grace of God at work in Christ-likeness
- (3) Encourage where you see the kingdom of God advanced.
- (4) Encourage the single mom, the sick, the one under affliction, the child who responds well, the one who serves faithfully and joyfully, etc...
- (5) Encourage with complements and notes.
- (6) For a pastor, the greatest encouragement is not by the one who says “Great sermon” but by the one who actually makes application of it!

G. The P _____ of repentance (Col. 3:1-10; Pr. 27:6)

H. The P _____ of meeting needs (Heb. 13:16; Rom. 12:13)

I. The P _____ practiced (Eph. 5:15-16; 2 Cor. 5:10; Mt. 6:21)

1. Loving God (Mt. 22:37)
2. Loving others (Mt. 22:39)
3. Pursuing godliness (1 Tim. 4:7-8)

J. The P _____ of the Bible (Psalms; Eph.1; Phil. 1; Col. 1)

K. The P _____ of eternity (Heb. 10:24-25)

“... you can often accomplish more by encouraging.
There are times to scold. But 80-90 percent of what you hope to correct
can be accomplished through encouragement.”⁵

Application: What are specific ways you can encourage those in your life?

³ FamilyLife, *The Art of Marriage* DVD, quoting Paul Tripp.

⁴ Jay Adams, *The Practical Encyclopedia of Christian Counseling*, 64.

⁵ Mark Dever, *Discipling*, 101.