

I'm encouraged when I know someone _____ in me; When someone is cheering for me. Encouragement carries with it the sincere intent to build up another person; To lift them from where they are to a better place.

I can encourage someone with:

- _____ (spoken or written)
- Facial expressions (body language)
- With acts of service
- Physical _____
- Gifts
- Quality time

ENCOURAGEMENT ~ Join the revolution

- ✓ We have both the opportunity and responsibility to encourage one another.
- ✓ Real encouragement helps us mold and shape the lives of our closest friends and family.
- ✓ People will often rise, or fall, to the level of our _____ and encouragement.
- ✓ The best encouragement is _____ to another person.
- ✓ Encouragement can be boiled down to comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable.

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Romans 12

One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement. It is easy to laugh at men's ideals; it is easy to pour cold water on their enthusiasm; it is easy to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers. We have a Christian duty to _____ one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his _____. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word.

William Barclay

Encouragement changes _____ !

*The Ministry of Encouragement
A scriptural challenge*

⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. *1 Thessalonians 5:9-11*

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is ...encouraging others, let him encourage;

Romans 12:6

²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:25*

And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

Discouragement is a dangerous state of mind because it leaves one open to the _____ of the enemies of the soul. We live by encouragement and we _____ without it.

How to be an expert encourager:

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. ~ *Ephesians 4:29-32*

Encouragement can be given without words, but it can never happen with the _____ words. *“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths.”*

Proverbs 18:21 “The tongue has the power of life and _____.”

- ✓ Do my words promote life or death?

The enemies of encouragement: (*Ephesians 4:31*)

- ~ Bitterness _____
- ~ Rage Slander
- ~ _____ Malice

So many Christians feel _____ and are ready to quit trying. Will you be the one to encourage them?

The encourager's tools

- ✓ _____
- ✓ Compassion
- ✓ Forgiveness ...as Christ forgave you.

The ministry of encouragement:

Taking the opportunity to speak into the life of another individual for the purpose of their being _____ in the faith; so that they won't lose heart and settle for less than God's best.

What encouragement is NOT: _____ (*which is insincere*)

- ✓ Encouraging others does not include helping them to indulge in self-love or avoiding all trials.
- ✓ Encouragement is more than being _____ to the people you already know.

What is encouragement?

- ✓ Appreciation of what has been.
- ✓ _____ of what could be.