

SERMON OUTLINE

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“How To...” Encourage Others

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I. Defining Encouragement

- A. protrepo - "to turn forward, propel... to impel morally, to urge forward." - Acts 18:27 - Apollos - encouraged to go to Corinth
- B. parakaleo - "a calling to one's aid... to urge to pursue a course of conduct." - 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 - urged to love even more
- C. Quick Definition:
 - 1. **HAVING PERSONAL VISION** - Luke 6:39
 - a. Learning what is most important, Loving it, & Living for it
 - 2. **HAVING INFLUENCE ON OTHERS** - Matthew 5:13-16
 - a. Meeting others where they are, Meaningful connection with them, and Moving them closer to God

II. Preparing to Encourage Others

- A. Base Your Relationships on Love. (Romans 15:1-3).
 - 1. Develop a closeness with others - Jesus did: John 4 - the Samaritan woman at the well; Luke 7 - the sinful woman; Luke 15 - the tax collectors and sinners
 - 2. Do others know you love them? They can tell!
- B. Make Your Life About People. (Romans 15:4-6).
 - 1. Spend time with others: Luke 10:38-42 - Jesus just sitting and spending time with them
 - 2. Life is empty without others
- C. Be a Person of Integrity. (Romans 15:7-9).
 - 1. Be a spiritual leader - the attention in these verses turns to the INDIVIDUAL - YOU do what is right!
 - 2. We've got to live it - Romans 2:21-24 - do you practice it?

III. A Picture of Encouragement

- 1. Be accepting of others (14:1)
- 2. Maintain your role as a servant (14:4)
- 3. Live for the Lord (14:5-8)
- 4. NEVER cause a brother to stumble (14:13)
- 5. Know what is most important - food or souls (14:15-17)
- 6. Pursue peace and building others up (14:19-20)
- 7. Be faithful to God (14:22-23)