

# Encouraging Others

## **1 Thessalonians 2:7-15**

*“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. **Matthew 24:9***

*At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. **Matthew 24:10-11***

*Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. **Matthew 24:12-13***

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. **Matthew 24:14***

*And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”*

**Luke 18:7-8**

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

**Hebrews 10:24**

*Let 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**

## **Home Field Advantage**

*Percentage of games won played at home*

- US Major League Soccer, 69.1%
- NBA basketball, 62.7%
- NHL hockey, 59%
- American Football, 57.6%
- Major League Baseball, 54.1%

*For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. **1 Thessalonians 2:11-12***

## Characteristics that will make us effective in encouraging today.

### 1. Compassion—Paul really c\_\_\_\_\_.

*but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:7**

*We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. **1 Thessalonians 2:8***

*the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. **2 Corinthians 1:4***

### 2. Perception—Paul was a\_\_\_\_\_ to their needs.

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*Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:9**

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. **Ephesians 6:18***

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **Philippians 2:1***

*then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. **Philippians 2:2***

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. **Philippians 2:3***

### 3. R\_\_\_\_\_—Paul encouraged them to live lives worthy of God. *Characteristics that will make us effective in encouraging today.*

*You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. **1 Thessalonians 2:10***

*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16***

#### **4. Persistent—Paul is \_\_\_\_\_ to them like a father.**

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*For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,  
**1 Thessalonians 2:11***

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatian 6:9***

#### **5. E \_\_\_\_\_—Paul wrote this letter to them.**

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### **Guidelines for Expressing Encouragement**

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_
2. Be genuine, avoid flattery
3. Be alert to those \_\_\_\_\_

*For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. **Romans 16:18***

*Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **2 Timothy 4:2***

4. Be tactful and \_\_\_\_\_ in love
5. Be real and balanced
6. Write it down

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **Ephesians 5:15-16***

#### **6. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ Encouragement.**

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*And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. **1 Thessalonians 2:13***

*For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. **Hebrews 4:2***

*For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: **1 Thessalonians 2:14a***

*You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered **1 Thessalonians 2:14***

***If we receive encouragement well,***

***it encourages the \_\_\_\_\_.***

*remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " **Acts 20:35***

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let 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 10:24-25***

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16***

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **John 3:17***

*Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **John 3:18***

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