

Admonish One Another

Romans 15:13-16

Introduction

We are called to love and accept one another, granting freedom to each other to respond to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. We are likewise called to edify and encourage one another as we grow in Jesus Christ. Sometimes, we are also called to admonish a brother or sister in Christ (Romans 15:14). Admonishing means to exhort or counsel other believers with a heart directed toward their spiritual development. Admonishment involves correction of wrong behavior by warning of the consequences of that behavior based on Biblical principles and practical instruction.

While no believer is perfect, people who admonish others in a certain area should be "full of goodness and filled with all knowledge..." (Romans 15:14). In other words, the one who admonishes should understand what God's Word says about the sin they are confronting and make certain that his or her own life is in alignment with that Word. They should also check that their motive in admonishing is not personal pride, but is directed toward the good of their fellow believer, encouraging his or her growth in Christ. When a Christian admonishes their brother or sister in the Lord, they are not just correcting sinful behavior. They are demonstrating love for their fellow believer by encouraging righteous behavior with a heart for helping another glorify the Lord in their walk with Him.

Getting Started

1. *What one point resonated with you from this week's sermon?*
2. *Why do you think people hesitate to make an admonishment about sin present in the life of another believer? Why do you think believers respond negatively to correction from another believer?*

Let's Get Personal

1. *Have you ever had someone admonish your sinful behavior? Tell your group about that experience.*
2. *Have you ever corrected a fellow believer because of their sin? Tell your group about that experience.*
3. *Is it difficult for you to offer correction with a spirit of love?*

Take the Next Step

1. *Is there someone in your life who needs loving correction? Use your time with your group to process how you can communicate this in a spirit of love and to gain insight on Biblical passages and principles related to that area. Make communicating with that person this week a priority.*
 2. *Have you been the recipient of correction from another and are now struggling to respond favorably to that person? Share this with your group and seek encouragement for dealing with that area of sin. Seek to move forward this week in Christ-like responses via your own communication and behavior toward the person who corrected you.*
 3. *Is there someone in your life who while not yet walking in sin, is heading in that direction? How could you admonish them and help prevent them from falling into sin.*
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4. *Pray for Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship and the community of believers that make up this local church body. Ask that God would continue to make us a place where we love one another, even when that love includes correcting and admonishing each other.*

Renew Your Mind

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom..."

Colossians 3:16
