

ENCOURAGE/EDIFY



1 Thessalonians 5:11 (HCSB)

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing."

Whether you can be an encourager or if you are one needing encouragement, this is a vital and important area of our Christian walk. Just as all the gifts of the body come together to function as a whole, the encouragement is needed to help maintain wholeness and health within a body of believers. Whether you are a part of a small group, discipling another, and even involved within the larger church body, encouragement helps us each to continue to "run the race" and finish strong. Encouragement also helps those who are feeling weak to offset the attacks of the enemy to destroy the weak. Hebrews 3:13 tells us to encourage each other daily!

In 1 Thessalonians 5, the Apostle Paul gives some specific ways we can be encouragers. As you look at the chart below, we are told how we can be an encourager. As you look at these references, one column has been left blank. If you are doing this study on your own or with someone else, write down specific ways you could apply the encouragement in these areas.

BE AN ENCOURAGER!

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	AREAS OF ENCOURAGEMENT	WHAT ARE SPECIFIC WAYS THIS COULD BE APPLIED?
1 Thessalonians 5:11	Build each other up!	
1 Thessalonians 5:12	Respect the leaders in my life.	
1 Thessalonians 5:13	Hold leaders in high regard (we are to respect the position even if we do not like the person or the leader is evil)	

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1 Thessalonians 5:14	Warn the idle (warnings done in love can be encouragement to do what is right)	
1 Thessalonians 5:14	Encourage those who are timid	
1 Thessalonians 5:14	Help those who are weak	
1 Thessalonians 5:14	Be patient.	
1 Thessalonians 5:15	Resist revenge What other Scriptures speak of revenge in our lives?	
1 Thessalonians 5:16	Be joyful!	
1 Thessalonians 5:17	Pray continually.	
1 Thessalonians 5:18	Give thanks.	
1 Thessalonians 5:19	Do not put out the Spirit's fire!	
1 Thessalonians 5:20	Do not treat prophecies with contempt.	

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1 Thessalonians 5:22	Avoid every kind of evil	
1 Thessalonians 5:23	Count on God's constant help	
<u>OTHER REFERENCES</u> (Can you find other references of how you can encourage others?)		