

How To Become An Awesome Encourager

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Series: The Awesome Power Of Encouragement – Part 6

4 Things We Can't Afford To Forget. . .

1. People are **hurting** far more than you know and far more than they show.
2. You have far more to **offer** than you know and far more than you show.
3. Encouragement is helping others take that "**next step**" they couldn't take on their own and allows them to become more like Christ.
4. The key to encouragement = **ATTITUDE!**

I. Attitudes That Build Great Churches

◆ **A Word To Leaders** (vs. 12)

- Work Hard
- Lead Well
- Admonish Wisely

◆ **A Word About Leaders** (vs. 12-13)

- Respect Them
- Esteem Them
- Be At Peace With Them

◆ **A Word To All Of Us** (vs. 14-15)

- Warn The Idle
- Encourage The Timid
- Help The Weak
- Be Patient With All Men

II. Attitudes That Build Great Christians

◆ A Word About Your Private Worship (vs. 16-18)

- Be Joyful Always
- Pray Continuously
- Give Thanks In All Circumstances

◆ A Word About Your Public Worship (vs. 19-22)

- Be Open To The Spirit
- Be Receptive To The Word
- Be Discerning And Selective

◆ A Word About Your Spiritual Growth (vs. 23-28)

- Be Dependent (vs. 23-24)
- Be Responsible (vs. 25-28)

Examine Yourself - Examine The Body

A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ³

For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing

Application Questions

1. How has God used His Body (the church) to love, support, and encourage you in recent weeks and/or months? Thank Him!
2. When you review the "**Attitudes**" That Build **Great Churches**," where do you need to ask for God's forgiveness? Is there a specific person you need to make things right with or take time to help? Do it today!
3. What new insight did you get today that could help you become a great (healthy) Christian? Tell a friend and take a step of faith in that arena.
4. In what specific way(s) or relationship(s) does God want to make you an **awesome encourager**? What would trusting Him in that area or relationship look like this week?