



Examining the One Another Passages

**Q1 2020 Adult Class
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The One Another Passages



Review from Last Week:
Serve and Submit to One Another

1. Who are we to submit to in the Lord's church?
2. Jesus is the ultimate example of service to others. How did he serve others?
3. What are some practical ways that we can serve others in the local church?

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What does it mean to admonish one another? Why do we fail to admonish others when we should?

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Matt 7:3-5

3 "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? 5 "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

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From this passage and Romans 15:14, what do we need to do first before admonishing another?

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Practical Steps for Admonishment

2 Tim 4:2

2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, *with great patience and instruction.*
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Why is patience and instruction necessary when reproofing, rebuking or exhorting another? ⁷

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1) Demonstrate the other “One Another's” first

2 Thess 3:10-11

10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. 11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

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These were tough words. How was Paul able to speak so bluntly to the Thessalonica church?

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1 Thess 2:7-8

But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. 8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

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Paul exercised love and great care for the Thessalonians prior to admonishing them!

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2) Pray for the person and for yourself

Ps 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

24 *And see if there be any hurtful way in me,*
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Eph 1:18-19

18 I pray that the *eyes of your heart may be enlightened*, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

Why pray for yourself and for the one you will meet with?

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3) Admonish in private first

Matt 18:15-17

15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that **BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.** 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
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Why is this method of admonishment practical as well as Scriptural?

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4) Admonish with the proper goal and motive

1 Cor 4:14

14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

Col 1:28

8 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, *so that we may present every man complete in Christ.*

What is the goal of our admonishing and teaching others?

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5) Admonish gently and watch yourself!

Gal 6:1

6 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, *restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.*

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What disposition must we have when admonishing others?
Why the warning?

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6) Realize that admonishment may initially hurt but in the end restore them

2 Cor 7:8-9

8 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it — for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while — 9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, *but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance*; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. NASU

What was the initial result of Paul's admonition? What was the final result?

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Summary of Practical Steps:

1. Demonstrate the Other “One Others” First
2. Pray for the Person and for Yourself
3. Admonish First in Private
4. Admonish with the Proper Goal and Motive
5. Admonish Gently and Watch Yourself!
6. Realize that Admonishment May Initially Hurt but in the End Restore Them

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Conclusion

1 Thess 5:14

4 We urge you, brethren, *admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.*

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What the connection between admonishment and encouragement is as found in I Thess. 5:14?

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Questions for Thought and Discussion:

1. Hebrews 12:6 says the Lord disciplines those he loves. Read Proverbs 27:6 and John 13:34-35 and address the following questions:
 - a. What is admonishment and what should it involve?
 - b. What is the connection between loving our brethren and being willing to admonish them?
 - c. How will admonishing one another be a testimony to “all men” that we belong to the Lord?

Questions for Thought and Discussion:

2. Paul was an excellent example of possessing the proper disposition and motive when admonishing the brethren. Read Acts 20:31, Eph. 4:15 and I Cor. 4:14 and answer the following:

- a. What is the meaning of Paul admonishing believers “in tears”?
- b. How can we (like Paul) keep our motivation pure when admonishing one another? What should be our sole objective when we admonish one another?
- c. Why is mutual admonition important to the strength and development of the local church?