

The POWER of Encouragement

Hebrews 10:22-25

22 **Let us** draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 **Let us** hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And **let us** consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 **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.

When you encourage others, you in the process are encouraged because you're making a commitment and difference in that person's life. Encouragement really does make a difference.
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I. Discerning the **Warning** signs of discouragement.

1. We begin **drifting** away from the church. (v.22a)

Let us ***draw near...***

2. We begin **doubting** our conversion. (v.23a)

Let us ***hold unswervingly*** to hope...

3. We begin **distracting** others from their commitment.

Let us ... ***spur one another on*** to love and good deeds.

4. We begin **distancing** ourselves from other Christians. (v.25a)

Let us not ***give up meeting with one another...***

5. We begin **discouraging** others from following Christ. (v.25b)

Let us encourage one another

II. Drinking from the **well** of encouragement

1. We are to draw nearer to God in **worship**.

Draw near to God ***with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith***, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

2. We are to dive deeper into a **relationship**.

Hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for **he who promised is faithful**.

3. We are to dream bigger concerning your **stewardship**.

Consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

4. We are to dwell longer among the **fellowship**.

Let us not give up meeting together, as **some are in the habit of doing**,

5. We are to develop further through intentional **discipleship**.

Encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- III. Distributing a cup of cold **water**. (Matt 10:42)

And **if anyone gives even a cup of cold water** to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

1. Learn from the **master** of encouragement. (2 Thess. 2:16-17)

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, **17 encourage your hearts** and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2. Launch out in the **ministry** of encouragement. (Acts 4:36-37)

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), **sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet**.

3. Live your life as a **minister** of encouragement. (Acts 11:23)

When Barnabas arrived [at Antioch] and saw the evidence of the grace of God, **he was glad and encouraged them all** to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

4. Lead others to be **members** of encouragement. (Heb. 3:13)

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Encouragement comes in cans!
Discouragement comes in can'ts!