

# Admonish One Another

## To Love One Another is the 2<sup>nd</sup> great commandment

**Sums up the whole Old Testament Law: Matthew 22:40 ( NKJV )** <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

**The distinguishing mark of the Christian: John 13:34-35 ( NKJV )** <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Sums up the Christian’s responsibilities: Romans 13:8 ( NKJV )** <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

**The crowning virtue of all other virtues: 1 Peter 4:8 ( NKJV )** <sup>8</sup>And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “*love will cover a multitude of sins.*”<sup>£</sup>

**Colossians 3:14 ( NKJV )** <sup>14</sup>But above all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

**James 2:8 ( NKJV )** <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself,*”<sup>£</sup> you do well;

**The ultimate goal of Paul’s instruction: 1 Timothy 1:5 ( NKJV )** <sup>5</sup>Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith,

**Without love a Christian is nothing: 1 Corinthians 13:3 ( NKJV )** <sup>3</sup>And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body <sup>£</sup>to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

## One Another Commands Categorized

1. Learn Humility
2. Avoid Destructive Tendencies
3. Practice Service
4. Provide Edification

**Romans 15:14 ( NKJV )** <sup>14</sup>Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

**Not casual communication or teaching; it implies specific exhortation, correction or warning.**

**Acts 20:31 ( ESV )** <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.

**Colossians 1:28 ( NKJV )** <sup>28</sup>Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-14 ( NKJV )** <sup>12</sup>And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup>and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

**Romans 15:14 ( NKJV )** <sup>14</sup>Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

**2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 ( NKJV )** <sup>14</sup>And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. <sup>15</sup>Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

**Colossians 3:16 ( NKJV )** <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**Admonition may include application of God's inspired principles to life's circumstances or problems, which by definition means to share wisdom.**

1. In other words, sometimes we need to warn one another about life choices.
2. Our job is to help each other choose wisely and righteously according to God's Word!

### **Areas of Instruction and Wisdom in which We Might Offer Admonition**

1. Spiritual Priorities
2. Raising Children
3. Moral Issues
4. Handling the Scriptures Accurately

**God commands us to share and receive wisdom (*applied teaching*).**

#### **1. The Teaching of Proverbs**

**Proverbs 1:1-9 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup>The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: <sup>2</sup>To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, <sup>3</sup>To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; <sup>4</sup>To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion— <sup>5</sup>A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, <sup>6</sup>To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup>The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction. <sup>8</sup>My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; <sup>9</sup>For they *will be* a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

**Proverbs 10:17 ( NKJV )** <sup>17</sup> He who keeps instruction *is in* the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.

**Proverbs 11:14 ( NKJV )** <sup>14</sup> Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

**Proverbs 12:1 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup> Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction *is* stupid.

**Proverbs 12:15 ( NKJV )** <sup>15</sup> The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

**Proverbs 13:1 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup> A wise son *heeds* his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

**Proverbs 13:18 ( NKJV )** <sup>18</sup> Poverty and shame *will come* to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.

**Proverbs 15:2 ( NKJV )** <sup>2</sup> The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

## 2. The Teaching of the NT

**Titus 2:3-5 ( NKJV )** <sup>3</sup>the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— <sup>4</sup>that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup>to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

**1 Corinthians 10:11 ( NKJV )** <sup>11</sup>Now £all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

**2 Timothy 4:2 ( NKJV )** <sup>2</sup>Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

## **Can we become so influenced by the world's "judge not" mantra that we are unwilling to receive admonition from our brethren?**

1. Are we too quickly offended? Might we view brethren as opinionated and judgmental, instead of receiving admonition in love and learning from it?
2. Might we also ignore the command to admonish one another?

## **How to Give Admonition**

1. With Deep Concern and Love

**Acts 20:31 ( ESV )** <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.

2. Filled with Goodness, Knowledge

**Romans 15:14 ( NKJV )** <sup>14</sup>Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

3. Humbly and Meekly

**Galatians 6:1-3 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup>Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4. Peaceably, with Great Moderation |

**James 3:17-18 ( NKJV )** <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**Philippians 4:5 ( ESV )** <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE REGULARLY GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS?

- **We Stir Up One Another unto Love etc. – Heb. 10:24-25**
- **We Teach and Admonish One Another – Col. 3:16**
- **We Build Up the Congregation – 1 Thess. 5:11**
- **We Imitate Christ – John 13:15-17**
- **We Are Spiritually Built Up – Acts 20:32**
- **We Increase Our Knowledge – 1 Pet. 2:2-3**
- **We Set a Good Example – Matt. 5:16; 1 Tim. 4:12**
- **We Demonstrate Our Love for God – Jn. 14:21; 1 Jn. 5:3**
- **We Seek First the Kingdom of God – Matt. 6:33**

Hebrews 10:24-25 ( NKJV ) <sup>24</sup>And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Colossians 3:16 ( NKJV ) <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ( NKJV ) <sup>11</sup>Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

John 13:15-17 ( NKJV ) <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Acts 20:32 ( ESV ) <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able

to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

1 Peter 2:2-3 ( ESV ) 2Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— 3if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Matthew 5:16 ( NKJV ) 16Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

John 14:21 ( NKJV ) 21He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

1 John 5:3 ( NKJV ) 3For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Matthew 6:33 ( NKJV ) 33But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE RARELY GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS?**

- **We Show That Our Priorities Are Misplaced**
- **We Show That Our Love For God Is Weak**
- **We Set A Bad Example**
- **We Fail to Encourage Our Brethren**
- **We Fail To Imitate Jesus**
- **We Fail To Do Good, Knowing To Do It**
- **We Willfully Violate God’s Commands**
- **We Fail To Give God The Glory He Deserves**
- **We Place Our Soul In Danger**