

Teaching and Admonishing One Another

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Introduction

Colossians 3:16 (ESV) — “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another...”

1. There are numerous other references where we are encouraged to teach and admonish one another.
2. This is not speaking of the gift of Teacher, or the office of Teacher, but rather this is speaking of every believer.

What does it mean by “Teaching one Another”

1. **Teach** means to give instruction, to impart information or wisdom.
2. But the method we use in our day and culture is often quite different from in the time of Christ. Rather lecturing someone while they sit and listen or take notes, teaching was more a demonstration or experience that was then discussed.

Jesus Method of Teaching

John 3:2 (NASB) — “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

1. Jesus often would demonstrate something (a sign) and then discuss it with His followers.
2. A more biblical definition of teaching is to **speak about**, to **be mindful of**, to **discuss** and to **impart**.

How We Teach One Another

1. The way we teach should be a **completely informal** and **natural part of our everyday lives**.
2. My wife and I never had official “family devotions” (not that there’s anything wrong with that), but the following scripture speaks volumes of how we are to teach about God’s word and His ways:

Deuteronomy 6:6–9 (ESV) — And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently (continuously) to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Let's Examine – Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (ESV)

Hebrew is a picture language

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1. Notice the **two pairs of opposites** (sit/walk and lie down/rise). This suggests “any and every time, place, and activity”.

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1. Bind them... write them. **Many Jews have fulfilled these commands literally with phylacteries**, i.e., boxes bound on the arm and forehead or attached to doorposts containing vv. 4–5 and other Scripture verses. But rather than literal, I believe this is also figurative:

- **hand** = what you do; what you put your hands to
- **between your eyes** = forehead; what you think about; what you meditate on
- **doorposts** = your household; all that God has entrusted to you
- **gates** = what you allow in/out

What does it mean by “Admonishing One Another”

Our English definition of the word “admonish”, means to warn or reprimand someone firmly. Now this could be an extreme of the biblical definition, but scriptures are more commonly speaking of “coaching, training and giving advice”.

Why Teach and Admonish One Another?

1. We Need One Another - All of us are a parts of one body. We are all vital and important to the flow and function of that one body, with Jesus as the Head.
2. God the Father is raising us up to look like Jesus, to be conformed to the image of His Son. Just as Jesus is the express (exact) image of the Father, our Father wants to grow us up so that we can become mature sons and daughters who are able to receive their inheritance and help run the family business (rule the kingdom)!
3. The scripture says that we grow by what every joint supplies (Ephesians 4:16). Joints are the connection point or the common ground of two different parts of the body.

Prerequisites for Admonishing One Another

1. Getting back to the verse in Colossians... **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**, teaching and admonishing one another...” God’s Word — We need to teach and admonish from the word of God and His kingdom ways, not from our own opinions and our personal likes and dislikes.

*Read Colossians 3:12–17 (ESV) — Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, **compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another** and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving each other**; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And **above all these put on love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And **let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, **singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God**. And whatever you **do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Compassionate Hearts	Patience	Let the Peace of Christ Rule in your Hearts
Kindness	Bearing with One Another	Let the Word of Christ Dwell in your Richly
Humility	Forgiving Each Other	Singing and being Thankful in your heart
Meekness	Above all, put on Love	Do all (Word and Deed) in the <u>name</u> of the Lord Jesus Christ

**“ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER” (i.e., Coaching—w/o crushing—one another)
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Hebrews 10:24- “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

CORE- We are called to challenge, urge, spur on, provoke to action, correct and coach one another. (Lit.- “to cause to burn more fervently & shine more brightly”). Here’s HOW we do this effectively:

1. BE CONSIDERATE.

(v. 24) “Let us consider how to spur one another on”

Being considerate includes:

- **Not simply thinking about what we want to say—but also thinking about the person we are saying it to.**
- **Learning to communicate effectively involves—**
 - **Listening more—and talking less**
 - **Asking more questions—and making less statements (*i.e., preaching at*)**
 - **Being Spirit-led—not emotion-driven**
 - **NOTE: Healthy communication is the fruit of having close relationships (ones that are both challenging & gracious—calling us to change, yet giving grace when we fail)**

2. GET CLOSER.

Paul, in the middle of strongly admonishing his friends at Corinth, said: “We have spoken freely to you...and opened wide our hearts to you...but you are withholding yours from us...I speak to you as children—open wide your hearts also” (2 Corinthians 6:11-13).

Admonishing is extremely difficult where there is distrust & distance. It’s hard to truly “sharpen” one another without a sense of closeness—because it involves trust and vulnerability.

It is much easier for me to receive “admonishing” from others when I trust their love for me.

- **When we “use” people—our relationships become disposable**
- **When we “honor” and “value” others—our relationships are devoted**

NOTE: If the goal is not CONNECTION—don’t give CORRECTION!

3. BE TEACHABLE.

“Admonish one another” is reciprocal (*i.e., must go both ways*)

- Teachable people make the best teachers
 - They communicate: “I’m learning with you!” not “I know-it-all.”
 - “Unteachable” people love to correct—but hate to be corrected.
- Teachable people desire to CHANGE & BECOME more like Jesus.
 - Choose deep roots over shallow displays
 - Admit weaknesses in order to gain new strengths

4. BE HOPEFUL.

Listen to Paul, as he gives strong correction to the church at Corinth (in 2nd Corinthians):

- “I wrote to you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know my depth of love for you” (2:4)
- “Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy...I have confidence in all of you!” (1:24; 2:3)
- “God made Him (*Jesus*) who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God...I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor. Now is the day of salvation!” (5:21; 6:2)
- “I have great confidence in you; I take great pride in you! I am greatly encouraged. In all our troubles my joy knows no bounds!” (7:4)
- “He (*Jesus*) is powerful among you!” (13:3)

NOTE: One of the main reasons people are afraid of correction is the fact that the message communicated to them in times of “correction” has been anything but hopeful.

- I’m so disappointed with you
- Shame on you
- I don’t think you’ll ever change!

Our ministry is NOT the “ministry that condemns” (3:9) (*Lit.- to limit to the past*)...

It is the “ministry that brings righteousness (*right, healthy relationship*) (3:9). For “the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life” (3:6)!