

Sermon Notes

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Sermon Series: Christians Connecting in Community

Title: Instructing One Another

Scripture Text: Colossians 3:1-17

1. Admonishment is a love inspired spiritual warning. Admonishment means to place biblical truth into another person's mind for the purpose of warning, counseling, instructing and guiding them.
Four Contexts for Biblical Admonishment:
 - a. We use it to correct errant conduct. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 "Admonish the unruly."
 - b. We use it to provide advance information to help another avoid acts that would be detrimental to their spiritual life.
 - c. We can use it to motivate others to right behavior.
 - d. We can use it to advance believers in their spiritual development.
Colossians 1:28-29
2. The Guidelines for Admonishment
 - a. All admonishment must be given in love for the person being admonished.
 - b. It must be done with gentleness and humility. Galatians 6:1
 - c. We must base our admonishment to others on Scriptural principles and not personal opinions.
 - d. We must be willing to help the ones we admonish overcome the spiritual weakness we are addressing.
3. The Proper Way to Receive Admonishment
 - a. With humility and appreciation that someone cares about our spiritual life enough to do this.
 - b. With corporation and respect. Psalms 141:5; Proverbs 13:13,14,18
 - c. With objectively and openness.
 - d. With repentance and a willingness to embrace change.