

Living Insight

How easily do you become discouraged? All of us will face our own share of doubt and discouragement. We can, however, find many creative ways to encourage ourselves in the Lord and exhort our brothers and sisters to stay positive and motivated. ***“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)*** When the devil uses doubt, discouragement and distraction, let’s counter his attack with truth, love and encouragement in the Lord! We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

~ Grace, mercy and peace from God,

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Sermon Outline

The Gift of Encouragement Hebrews 3:12-15

Date: Sunday, January 11, 2014

Time: 6:00 P.M.

The Gift of Encouragement



I. Introduction: Our Need for Encouragement

- A. We will all face some degree of discouragement.
 - 1. The devil will use the tool of discouragement.
 - 2. Negative people will have an effect on you.
 - 3. We are told to encourage one another.
- B. We can overcome discouragement in the Lord.
 - 1. The Lord has His own set of tools.
 - 2. The Hebrews writer knew about encouragement.
 - 3. We are to encourage one another in 3 ways.
 - ◇ Consider how you will encourage. (10:24)
 - ◇ Encourage one another daily. (3:13)
 - ◇ Encourage one another all the more. (10:25)

II. Body: Why is Encouragement So Important?

- A. There are real reasons we become discouraged.
 - ~ *Nehemiah 4:6-12*
 - 1. Physical fatigue can contribute to discouragement.
 - 2. A loss of zeal can cause discouragement. (v 10)
 - 3. A loss of vision will discourage us.
 - 4. A loss of faith will bring us all down. (v 14a)
 - 5. A loss of trust in God will discourage us.
- B. How do we encourage one another in the Lord?
 - 1. Pray to the Lord for strength. (vv. 4,5,9)
 - 2. We take action to protect each other. (v. 14)
 - 3. We can teach each other to refocus our attention.
 - 4. We must remind each other of God's power!

~ *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Hebrews 3:12-15

III. Conclusion: How Do You Deal with Discouragement?

- A. Recognize the source of discouragement.
 - 1. The devil wants us to remain discouraged.
 - 2. Satan is the enemy of our souls.
- B. Resist the temptation to give in!
 - 1. When we resist the devil, he will flee.
 - ~ *James 4:7*
 - 2. We have the power to overcome.
- C. Regain your relationship with the Lord!
 - 1. Do not take your eyes off the Savior.
 - 2. We draw our strength from the Lord.

