

I'M ENCOURAGING

STAY POSITIVE: Part 3

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"Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today..." (Hebrews 3:13a, NIV)

WHY EVERYONE NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT

1. WE STRUGGLE WITH OUR WORTH.

"Gideon replied, "But how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest one in Manasseh, and everyone else in my family is more important than I am." (Judges 6:15, CEV)

2. WE ARE BELITTLED FROM OUR BIRTH.

"Their insults have broken my heart, and I am in despair. If only one person would show some pity; if only one would turn and comfort me." (Psalm 69:20, NLT)

WHY ENCOURAGEMENT IS SO HARD

1. SINFULNESS COLORS OUR VIEW OF OTHERS.

"A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart." (Matthew 12:35, NLT)

2. SELFISHNESS CORRUPTS OUR MOTIVES.

"Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself." (Philippians 2:3, NET)

WHAT ENCOURAGEMENT DOES

1. RENEWS OUR COURAGE.

"Don't be afraid," he said, "for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!" As he spoke these words to me, I suddenly felt stronger and said to him, "Please speak to me, my lord, for you have strengthened me." (Daniel 10:19, NLT)

2. REBUILDS OUR HOPE.

"Traveling through the country, passing from one gathering to another, he gave constant encouragement, lifting their spirits and charging them with fresh hope." (Acts 20:2, MSG)

3. REDIRECTS OUR FOCUS.

"...encourage one another; have a common mind and live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11, NJB)

HOW TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE

1. LEARN TO BE REFLECTIVE.

*“Don’t be selfish...Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.”
(Philippians 2:3, NLT)*

2. STOP BEING CORRECTIVE.

“Don’t say anything that would hurt [another person]. Instead, speak only what is good so that you can give help wherever it is needed. That way, what you say will help those who hear you.” (Ephesians 4:29, GW)

3. LET YOUR WORDS BE SELECTIVE.

“A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!” (James 3:5, MSG)

“What you say can preserve life or destroy it; so you must accept the consequences of your words.” (Proverbs 18:21, GNB)

“Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.” (Psalm 141:3, NIV)

4. MAKE LOVE YOUR OBJECTIVE.

“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,” (Colossians 2:2, NIV)

ACTION STEP:
WRITE A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT