

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

MAIN IDEA: BECAUSE GOD IS GOOD AND HE ENCOURAGES US, THEREFORE I CAN SPREAD HIS GOODNESS BY ENCOURAGING OTHERS.

When we arrived in Macedonia, there was no rest for us. We faced conflict from every direction, with battles on the outside and fear on the inside. But God, who encourages those who are discouraged, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus. 2 Corinthians 7:5-6 NLT

ENCOURAGEMENT ISN'T JUST POSITIVITY — IT'S A REFLECTION OF GOD'S CHARACTER. HE POURS COURAGE INTO US, AND WE GET TO PASS IT ON.

THREE OF THE MOST SPIRITUAL THINGS YOU CAN DO

1) ENCOURAGE OTHERS DAILY.

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:13

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT DURING A FAILURE IS WORTH MORE THAN AN HOUR OF PRAISE AFTER SUCCESS. —Unknown

Pleasant words are like honey from a honeycomb—sweet to the spirit and healthy for the body. Proverbs 16:24

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24 NLT

And let us not neglect our meeting together, some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:25 NLT

2) ENCOURAGE OTHERS SPIRITUALLY.

One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. Romans 1:10-12 NLT

FLATTER ME, AND I MAY NOT BELIEVE YOU. CRITICIZE ME, AND I MAY NOT LIKE YOU. IGNORE ME, AND I MAY NOT FORGIVE YOU. ENCOURAGE ME, AND I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU. —William Arthur Ward

3) ENCOURAGE YOURSELF IN THE LORD.

...but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. 1 Samuel 30:6 KJV