

# Building a Christian Community

## "Admonish One Another"

### Romans 15:14

## Introduction

This is the fourth lesson in our series on Building a Christian community. We are exploring what the New Testament says about why the Christian community is so important. John 13:34 is the base text which says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

1. Jesus says the most compelling evidence that He is the \_\_\_\_\_ is a community of people who know how to succeed in love relationships.
2. The "one another" imperative we will explore today is "\_\_\_\_\_ one another."
3. Admonishing makes *skillful* use of \_\_\_\_\_, *redirecting* someone's *reasoning* (thought-process) to find the Lord's approval.
4. Admonition ranges from correcting the ignorant to rebuking the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Biblical admonition is moral correction through confrontation that is motivated by genuine \_\_\_\_\_.
6. There are many ways to admonish someone, ranging from a gently raised question to a very forceful \_\_\_\_\_.
7. You can't develop closeness without \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Christians live under God's moral \_\_\_\_\_ rather than being a law unto ourselves.
9. If we have God's \_\_\_\_\_ to inform us and God's love to motivate us, we have the resources needed to admonish one another effectively.
10. There should always be a lot more \_\_\_\_\_ than admonition.

## **I. Admonition Must Be Filled with Grace**

11. To start with, we need to be filled with \_\_\_\_\_.
12. We must consciously filter admonition through God's grace rather than interpreting it as a personal \_\_\_\_\_.
13. If you view admonition as rejection, you only experience more pain by \_\_\_\_\_ a valuable reproof.
14. Admonition may \_\_\_\_\_ at first, but later you always feel better.

## **II. Admonition Must Be Based on Truth**

15. Secondly, admonition must be based on \_\_\_\_\_.
16. We need to look for the truth when we are admonished rather than looking for \_\_\_\_\_ to reject it.
17. We must learn to go to God and prayerfully and \_\_\_\_\_ consider the validity of the admonition.

18. We want to do this because we want \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ more than we want to preserve our own egos.

19. If you love learning, you love the \_\_\_\_\_ that goes with it.

### **III. Admonition Is Given For Our Benefit**

20. Admonition should always be given for a person's \_\_\_\_\_.

21. As you distance yourself from God's help and healthy closeness with people who really care for you, you become even more \_\_\_\_\_ from the help you need.

22. Admonishing others is really a \_\_\_\_\_ love.

23. We admonish because we are \_\_\_\_\_ to the other person's welfare.

24. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ for effective admonition.

### **Conclusion**

Biblical principles that will help us to be increasingly effective:

25. *First of all, \_\_\_\_\_ - Prayerfully prepare beforehand instead of reacting impulsively.*

26. *Meet Face to Face – If you need to admonish do it in \_\_\_\_\_ and face-to-face if possible.*

27. *Be \_\_\_\_\_ and specific. Don't be vague, sarcastic, judging of motives, etc.*

28. Apply \_\_\_\_\_ - *It really helps if you ground your correction in God's Word.*
29. Be \_\_\_\_\_ - *Be as strong as necessary--but also be empathetic and constructive.*
30. Be \_\_\_\_\_ - *Except for very severe situations, don't insist on immediate compliance--give time for reflection, God's conviction, etc.*
31. Don't focus on your own relief, do what it takes to help the other person to \_\_\_\_\_.

Is it worth it? It depends on what you value most. If your highest priority is your own comfort, admonition is definitely not worth it. But if you value spiritual integrity before God and you genuinely care about healthy relationships with others, it's worth every sacrifice you will make. Don't back away from admonishing someone to be their best for the glory of God.

#### ANSWERS

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| 1. Truth          | 19. Discipline  |
| 2. Admonish       | 20. Benefit     |
| 3. Logic          | 21. Isolated    |
| 4. Obstinate      | 22. Sacrificial |
| 5. Love           | 23. Committed   |
| 6. Rebuke         | 24. Formula     |
| 7. Trust          | 25. Pray        |
| 8. Law            | 26. Private     |
| 9. Word           | 27. Direct      |
| 10. Encouragement | 28. Scripture   |
| 11. Grace         | 29. Firm        |
| 12. Rejection     | 30. Patient     |
| 13. Rejecting     | 31. grow        |
| 14. Sting         |                 |
| 15. Truth         |                 |
| 16. Excuses       |                 |
| 17. Humbly        |                 |
| 18. Maturity      |                 |