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Going The Second Mile - “Teaching & Admonishing One Another”

Colossians 3:15-16

This is the last message from this series **Going the Second Mile with One Another**. We have been studying the – “**One Another**” phrases from God’s Word. Thus far we have learned about: Caring for One Another, Loving One Another, Accepting One Another, Not Judging One Another, Help Carry One Another’s Burdens, Forgiving One Another, Greet One Another and last Sunday Serve One Another. Today we will conclude this series with – **Teaching and Admonishing One Another**. As we continue our series of one another principles in the New Testament, we see that teaching people stuff is also part of what the church is about.

Paul calls us to do two important things in this one another statement- **teach and admonish**. These are two similar ideas that he connects together here. “Teaching” is simply the idea of instructing by demonstrating rather than lecture.

Let’s notice first of all that....

I. TEACHING AND ADMONISHING: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT

Admonish is not a word we use a lot. Admonish means to direct someone's mind toward something that needs corrected. We need to understand two things that admonishment is not.

1. **First of all, admonishment is not criticism**
2. **Secondly, to admonish is not gossip.**

Here are three things that admonishment should be.

- (1) Most importantly, it is to be **Loving**.
- (2) Secondly, to admonish is to **Confront**
- (3) To admonish is to be willing to roll up your own sleeves and **Help your brother** or sister get it right.

Secondly, we learn that:

II. TEACHING AND ADMONISHING: BRINGS BALANCE TO THE BODY

This one another principle provides important balance to the life of the Christian community. So far, we have seen calls to love one another, to live

in harmony with one another, to accept one another. On their own, those statements may seem to suggest that we be willing to tolerate anything in the church, just to keep the peace. But does loving and accepting one another mean we just turn a blind eye when a brother or sister in Christ does something wrong. No! We are told in **Ephesians 4:15** to “speak the truth in love”. That's what it is to teach and admonish one another- to speak the truth in love by keep balance to the body the church.

III. THREE KEYS TO TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

Now how are we supposed to do this? How can we teach and admonish one another in a way that is actually constructive and loving? Our text gives us three keys to teaching and admonishing one-another in love.

1. **Prerequisite of Peace V-15**. Admonishment only works when there is a loving relationship.
2. **Priority of the Word** - The second key is the priority of the Word. Look what **verse 16** says we have to do in order to teach and admonish one another, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*” Admonishing isn't about advancing our own agenda or forcing our own opinion on matters. It must come from the objective standard of God's word. The word Paul uses for “**dwell**” here means to feel at home, or to be at home. Is God's Word at home in your life?
3. **The Privilege of Praise**
The third key to teaching and admonishing in love might come as a bit of a surprise, and it is the privilege of praise. One of the main ways that any of us, that all of us can play a role in teaching and admonishing one another is to, “sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” (**V-16**) We don't usually associate music and singing with teaching, but Paul says that our corporate worship has an incredible impact on the fellowship of believers.

We should not underestimate the power of corporate worship to motivate, encourage and inspire people to godliness. Music and song have incredible power.