

Words that Guide

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Colossians 3:15-17

I. Words, Words, Words...

Colossians 3:16a ^{16a}Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you *teach...one another...*

1. When we use words to instruct and inform, we teach one another.

Colossians 3:16a ^{16a}Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach *and admonish one another with all wisdom...*

2. When we use words to warn and correct, we admonish one another.

Romans 15:14a ^{14a}I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves *are full of goodness...*

➤ We must warn and correct with the right motive.

Romans 15:14a ^{14a}I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, *complete in knowledge...*

➤ We must warn and correct from the right perspective.

Romans 15:14 ¹⁴I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge *and competent to instruct one another.*

➤ We must warn and correct using the right approach.

Hebrews 10:23-25 ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

3. When we use words to support and strengthen, we encourage one another.

II. Suggestions For Putting This Into Practice:

1. Become a student of God's Word.

The better you know God's Word the easier it is to offer it to others. The easiest way to do that is to do that with others by joining a life group.

2. Dare to have a hard conversation.

3. Show up in someone's life this week.

4. Join a Life Group today.