

Exhortation

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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Exhort

- ▣ *parakaleo* – “To call to a person ... to call on, entreat ... to admonish, to urge” “to console, to encourage, to strengthen, to instruct, to teach; to urge one to pursue some course of conduct.” (Vine)
 - “Give heed ...” 1 Timothy 4:13-16; Romans 12:8

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Source Of Exhortations

- ▣ Gospel – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 8-9; 2 Timothy 4:2; “Word of exhortation.” Hebrews 13:22
- ▣ Effective exhortation does not come from:
 - Fables (invented stories). 2 Timothy 4:2-4
 - False doctrine (error). 1 Thessalonians 2:3
 - Excellency of speech, human wisdom or traditions. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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Purpose Of Exhortation

- ▣ Instruction – Acts 11:19-23
- ▣ Persuasion:
 - To save yourself. Acts 2:40
 - With urgency. 2 Corinthians 8:4-6; 2 Corinthians 9:1-4

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Purpose Of Exhortation

- ▣ Strengthen – Acts 14:19-22
- ▣ Comfort (consolation and encouragement) – Philippians 2:1-5, 20
 - To help endure. 2 Corinthians 1:3-9
 - To strengthen. Hebrews 3:12-13

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Ways To Exhort

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

WRONG

- ▣ Error. 2:3
- ▣ Uncleaness. 2:3
- ▣ Deceit. 2:3
- ▣ Please men. 2:4, 2
- ▣ Flattery. 2:5 (Proverbs 26:28)
- ▣ Covetousness. 2:5
- ▣ Men’s glory. 2:6

RIGHT

- ▣ Truth. 2 Timothy 4:2
- ▣ Straightforward. Acts 14:22
- ▣ Purity. 2:10
- ▣ Please God. 2:4
- ▣ As a nurse. 2:7
- ▣ As Father. 2:11
- ▣ God’s glory. 2:12

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Traits Of The Exhorter

Acts 11:22-24

Barnabas (son of exhortation Acts 4:36)

- ▣ **Considers his brethren** – Acts 11:22
 - Caring & giving. **Philippians 2:3-4, 20**
(2 Corinthians 11:28-29); Hebrews 10:24
- ▣ **Assesses the situation & praises whenever he can** – Acts 11:23
 - *“Longsuffering & teaching”* 2 Timothy 4:2

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Traits Of The Exhorter

(Acts 11:22-24)

- ▣ **Avoids hypocrisy** – Acts 11:24; cf. **Romans 2:17ff**
 - Upright, honorable. **Matthew 7:1-5; cf. John 7:24**
- ▣ **Full of the Holy Spirit** – Acts 11:24
 - Under the Spirit's control. **Ephesians 5:18; Colossians 3:16; Galatians 5:16, 18, 22-25**
- ▣ **Full of faith** – Acts 11:24 (2 Corinthians 5:7)
 - We will only exhort in proportion to our faith. **Romans 12:6, 8**

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Accepting Exhortation

(What we must do with it)

- ▣ **Assess the exhortation**
 - Is it the truth? **Acts 2:40-41; 17:11-12**
- ▣ **Receive it & use it to grow stronger in Christ** – Acts 11:24, 26; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

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Accepting Exhortation

(What we must do with it)

- ▣ **Be thankful for the one who exhorted you!**

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