

Doctrine of Exhortation

1. In the gospel sermon he preached on the Day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter exhorted the unconverted to “save themselves” from an evil generation.
 - *Acts 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.*

2. Following a dramatic shipwreck, the apostle Paul exhorted those who were in a state of trauma to “*be of good cheer*” for all would be saved according to gospel obedience.
 - *Acts 27:22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.*

3. Paul sent individuals such as Titus to Corinth to exhort the church to support the needy in Jerusalem.
 - *2 Corinthians 9:5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.*

4. Paul exhorted the Thessalonians by the Lord Jesus to abound more and more in the sphere of Christian faith and virtues.
 - *1 Thessalonians 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.*

5. The exhortation comes to perform four Christian acts of ministry: first, warn individuals that are unruly or acting in an immoral fashion (ἀτάκτως ataktos (at-ak'-toce); irregularly (morally); second, comfort the feeble-minded or those who were faint of heart; third, financially support the poor and care for the sick; and fourth, be patient toward all men.
 - *1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.*

6. Christians are exhorted not to act as busybodies by engaging in idle gossip, nor to be lazy and not work, but to engage in profitable labor in order to buy bread and not depend upon others.
 - *2 Thessalonians 3:12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*

7. Christians are exhorted to engage in a specific prayer life for all sorts of individuals that includes four facets: first, supplications, second, prayers, third, intercessions, and fourth, the giving of thanks.
 - *1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;*
8. Christian ministers are to exhort and teach their people to not despise those who have authority over them but to engage in honest labor.
 - *1 Timothy 6:2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.*
9. It is the gospel duty of ministers to reprove, rebuke, and exhort the saints with all longsuffering based on residual Bible doctrine stored in the soul.
 - *2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*
10. Part of being an effective witness is to be able to use Bible doctrine to exhort the gainsayers, a reference to skeptics and unbelievers, to repent and to convince the same by logical thoughts.
 - *Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.*
11. Young people are to be exhorted to be sober minded (σωφρονέω sophroneo (so-fron-eh'-o); which means to be of sound mind, i.e. sane.
 - *Titus 2:6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.*
12. Christian employees are exhorted to be obedient to those who have authority over them, to do what is asked, and not to be surly or argumentative.
 - *Titus 2:9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;*
13. Ministers and teachers of the gospel are specifically instructed to exhort all believers to forsake unholy lust, live soberly, live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age while looking for the blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.
 - *Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

14. On a daily basis Christians are to find opportunity to exhort each other to good works.

- *Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

15. Christian ministers are exhorted to feed or nourish the flock of God with Bible doctrine.

- *1 Peter 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*

16. Each Christian is exhorted to contend or defend the historic faith that has been delivered unto the saints.

- *Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*