

“Admonish One Another”

(Part Two)

Romans 15: 14-16

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Rom 15:15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

Rom 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Outline:

1) Their Readiness to Admonish (verse 14)

2) The Requirement & Reminder to Admonish (verse 15A)

3) The Reasons for the Exhortation (verse 15b and 16)

Last Wednesday we considered verse 14 under two headings:

I) Their Ability to Admonish Acknowledged

II) Their Ability to Admonish Underscored by three qualifications

The Qualification of Salvation!

The Qualification of Sanctification!

The Qualification of Study!

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John Lyth outline: The apostle—

I. Praises, but does not flatter. (verse 14)

II. Humbles, but does not demean himself. (verse 15)

III. Magnifies his office, but not himself. (verse 16)

2) The Requirement & Reminder to Admonish (verse 15A)

Rom 15:15 **Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind,** because of the grace that is given to me of God,

Note 1,

The Requirement to Admonish one Another is based on the principle of Relationship

“Brethren”

“Delphos” = “from the same womb”

Again, note Paul’s use of the word in the previous verse:

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Consider,

Paul’s use of this devotional noun in this epistle: (just a sample on six points)

Sanctification:

Rom 8:12 (KJV) Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Predestination:

Rom 8:29 (KJV) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Evangelism:

Rom 10:1 (KJV) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Service:

Rom 12:1 (KJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Prayer:

Rom 15:30 (KJV) Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me;

Separation:

Rom 16:17 (KJV) Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

Note 2,

The Requirement to Admonish one Another is given prominence by Paul's emphasis in the text.

Rom 15:15 Nevertheless, brethren, **I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort**, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

We may illustrate this point with a text from Eph 6.

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Note,

The manner of communication is to match the seriousness of the message!

Therefore,

In our text, Paul's boldness in writing emphasizes the importance of this principle of Admonishment!

Note 3,

The Requirement to Admonish one Another is given prominence by the need and use of a reminder!

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Compare:

2 Peter 1: 12-15

(three times the word "remembrance" is used)

Let us consider this word in its wider NT context:

“Admonish”

The GK word: νουθετέω

Is translated,

Admonish or Warn (Also, Admonishing and Warning)

Consider the following Five questions:

1) How we are to Admonish?

Act 20:26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.

Act 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Act 20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Act 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

2) Why do we Admonish?

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Col 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

3) What are the Means?

Col 3:16 Let **the word of Christ** dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

4) Who is particularly charged with this work?

1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, **and admonish you;**

1Th 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, **warn them that are unruly**, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.

5) With what Perspective are we to Admonish?

2Th 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

2Th 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2Th 3:15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

Note,

In these verses we have:

I) Persistence (13)

II) Purpose (14)

III) Perspective (15)

May God grant that in all we do, we will have godly persistence, purpose and perspective.

Amen.