

EXHORTERS - "A Ministry"

(Romans 12:6-8)

I. MEANING OF THE WORD - EXHORT

a. The word in the Greek, from which the word exhort is taken, is "Parakaleo" (par-ak-al-eh-o) means: to call near, i.e., invite-comfort, invoke by imploring, beseeching, call for encourage/or consolation, desire, entreat, pray or exhort.

Webster's definition - to urge earnestly; entreat

b. Roman 12: 6-8

"Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity: he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

c. Dakes reference definition (see reference j) Romans 12:8. Gr. Parakaeo, to call aside; make an appeal to by way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, or instruction.

d. Luke 3:18

Used in the New Testament in connection with the task of preaching, the task of making known to others the faith of Jesus Christ.

To exhort is to give ourselves to a faithful and purposeful admonition with the motive to comfort and encourage, or to warn, reprove (of sin). All such exhortation must be done in a way to convince. It must be done in the Spirit.

II. PROFILE OF AN EXHORTER?

a. New Creature - II Corinthians 5:17-18

b. 1 Peter 2:9.

c. 1 Corinth 1:26-31.

d. Born again and Spirit filled - St. John 3:5-8; 4:13, 14; 6:47 and Acts 1:8

III. SOME RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXHORTER:

a. "Not forsaking the assembling..." Hebrews 10:25

b. Active in C.E. - 1 Timothy 4:13

- c. Present your bodies - Romans 12:1-3
- d. Prayer Lift - Acquire and develop - I Thessalonians 5:17 and Jude 20.

IV. EXAMPLES OF EXHORTERS (by definition)

a. Acts 4:36 - and Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is being interpreted, the son of consolation) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus. (Reference) "Son of Consolation." He became a prophet and an apostle.

b. Paul exhorts giving witness to Jesus' resurrection. Acts 13:15 - An after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. (Reference) Gr. Paraklesis, trans. Entreaty, exhortation and consolation.

V. WHY EXHORT?

- a. Hebrews 10:25
- b. Hebrews 12:15-16
- c. 1 Thess 5:1-11

VI. PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF THE WORD.

- a. Study to show thyself approved...II Timothy 2:15
- b. Pray -
- c. Watch the flesh - II Timothy 2:22

Always Remember that Exhorters are: C-ommitted L-oyal G-odly I-nspired.

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