Spur On One Another

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INTRODUCTION

- Fact is when you look at the book of Hebrews, it reads as a sermon.
- And interspersed with those truths are warnings and exhortations. Warnings not to depart the faith. Exhortations to keep going strong for the rest that's in front of them.
- But because of what Christ did, because of Christ's blood, you and I, with a sense of assurance in our hearts, a sense of confidence, we can come unto the throne.

1 The Goal: Love and Good Deeds

1 Timothy 1:5; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Timothy 3

- The goal of this interaction with one another, is to produce in each other love and good deeds.
- Biblical love is not a mere emotion. Biblical love that is approved by God is emotional, but it's actually service, active goodwill toward each other.
- We are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus for what purpose? Good deeds.
- Brothers and sisters, that's what our interaction is supposed to produce in each other. Love and good deeds.

2 Stimulate One Another: Spur On

Hebrews 10:24; Acts 15

- He says we must stimulate one another to love and good deeds.
- It means the idea of rousing or inciting something. You go on to the King James, it talks about provoking the idea of someone to poke or prod.
- It says they had a sharp disagreement. That's this word in Hebrews chapter 10, verse 24.
- It's people who are involved in each other's lives, is what it looks like.
- It's uncomfortable sometimes, right? It's uncomfortable to try to encourage someone to be something that they're not.
- As your brothers and sisters, people who love you, people who've been instructed by the Word of God, we're people who want to see you arrive at your full potential.

3 Consider How to Stimulate One Another

Hebrews 10:25; Titus 2:7–15; Galatians 6

- That would suggest to me the idea of forethought, right? You've got to give some thought to that. Not everybody's motivated in the exact same ways, are they?
- Every time that there is an opportunity to assemble with the saints, I want to do so I can help them, and vice versa.

- He says, speak, exhort, reprove. And to me that signifies three different avenues of communication that we have with one another.
- There's something valuable about talking to one another about spiritual things. Asking each other how we're doing.
- So sometimes we just need to exhort. You can finish the race, you can finish the course, you can do this.
- Show yourselves an example, right? Model it before others. Not only talk the talk, but walk the walk.

4 Let Us: It's Up to All of Us

Ephesians 4

- When it comes to this spurring on, the stimulating, this provoking, it's up to us. It's up to all of us.
- It's your job. It's my job. It's the elders' job. It's the deacon's job. It's the teacher's job. It's your job.
- Not only do we need to learn how to do it, we need to learn how to accept it too.
- They're wanting the same thing for me, I want for them. They want to see me do better.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you see someone who is in this fold, this family here, that could be doing better. Encourage them to do so. Not because, not in the spirit of self-righteousness or meanness or criticeness, but because you want to see them do better.**

MY NOTES