

## REDISCOVERING BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

# PT 2: The Ministry Of Encouragement

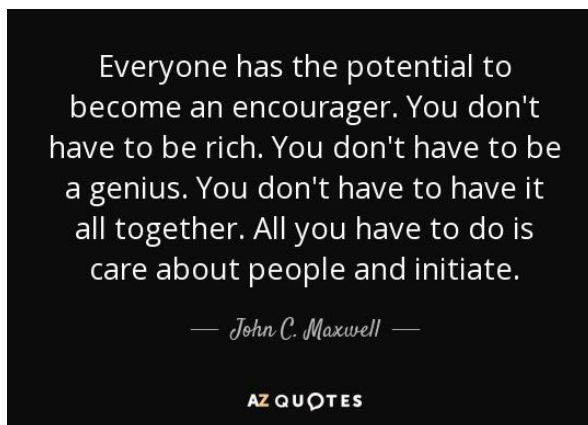
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Scripture – 1 Thess 5:11 (ERV)

<sup>11</sup> *So encourage each other and help each other grow stronger in faith, just as you are already doing.*

### 1. The Principles

a) Every disciple should be an encourager



b) What is not an encouragement

c) New Testament understanding: “Parakaleo”

- To stand alongside another
- To be an advocate
- To inject strength and courage
- To challenge another forward

### 2. The Practice

a) Jn 1:17 (TPT)

<sup>17</sup> *Moses gave us the Law, but Jesus, the Anointed One, unveils truth wrapped in tender mercy.*

→ It's truth wrapped in mercy

- Law – Faults and failures
- Grace/mercy – Potential



b) 1 Thess 5:14 (HCSB)

<sup>14</sup> *And we exhort you, brothers: warn those who are irresponsible, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with everyone.*

→ Identify the present need

- Different life stages and seasons
- Different kinds of believers

c) 1 Thess 2:12 (TPT)

<sup>12</sup> *We comforted and encouraged you and challenged you to adopt a lifestyle worthy of God, who invites you into his kingdom and glory.*

→ Intentionally challenge people's walk and work for God

- Deeper spirituality
- Devoted to serve



#### Practical Ways To Encourage

1. Kind words and acts
2. Empathetic listening
3. Body language
4. Sharing scriptures
5. Pray
6. Example
7. Demonstrate care

Which would you prefer?

