

Handout December 15, 2023

Spur One Another On!

Hebrews 10:24-25

***'²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.'* Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV**

Today's sermon is on love and Hebrews is the vehicle to get us there. I am going to spur you on by asking the hard question.

1. _____ do I _____ to move forward in life?

By asking this, I intend to stir up love and good works.

Consider one another.

Consider: to observe, to contemplate, to have an intelligent insight into.

The Holy Spirit provides us that insight.

All of us should consider each other to encourage, to strengthen, to empower. For what?

2. Have more _____ and _____.

Rather than corporately, I am now individually going to spur on the corporate.

Obviously, we can't spur one another if we don't see each other.

Spur: a thing that prompts or encourages someone; an incentive.

3. The _____ of many will grow _____.

Matthew 24:12-14 NKJV ¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.'

Could this be you? We get into situations with people, where we say we love them, but inside, it is anything but love. Why is that? Our love grows cold.... Only you know if your love has grown cold.

I want to spur you on.

4. What _____ me from _____ someone?

1 Corinthians 13 - the love chapter

In order to love someone, you must know yourself. What causes cold love or prevents you from loving again?

There is the obvious --- they hurt me, lied to me, stole from me, abused me (physically, verbally, sexually, emotionally) or maybe they just disappointed me.

What is the solution? Each case is different, but a good starting point is:

1. Acknowledge the problem --- YOUR problem --- what prevents you from loving?
2. Make a list of ways you think you can deal with the problem.
3. Act on those things or seek help.

No matter what, do not stay there!

This New Year looks to be, can be, the most amazing year you have had --- ever!

Mine is going to be. Why?

5. I have changed my _____.

What attitude do we need?

One of LOVE --- AGAPE LOVE ---- GOD'S LOVE ---- no matter....

So finally, do not neglect to assemble. Where are you getting fed? Keep it up. More importantly, honestly, where do you need to improve?

1 John 4:7-11 NKJV 'Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.'