FOCUS togetherness

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Together in Encouragement

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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"to-gather-ness" vs. togetherness

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. —1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

[4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness…
[8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. [11]Therefore **encourage** one another and **build one another up**, just as you are doing.—1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, 8-11

Encourage = one called to come alongside

[16]And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, to be with you forever, [17]even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. [18]I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
—John 14:16-18

But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. —John 14:26

Build Up = to raise up, mend or edify

"Encouragement is the gift of God to us and is a work of grace through us in the life of others."

How can we practice edification and encouragement?

B-U-I-L-D

Begin with _____ and _____

[20]But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, [21]keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. —Jude 1:20-21

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Use Your _____

4For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. —Romans 12:4-6a

4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. —1 Corinthians 12:4-7

11And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ… 14so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ. —Ephesians 4:11-12, 14-15

Influence Others with _____

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. —Ephesians 4:29

A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. —Proverbs 15:4

Limit Your _____ as an Expression of _____

23"All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. 24Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.
—1 Corinthians 10:23-24

We know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. —1 Corinthians 8:1b

Develop an Attitude of _____

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. —1 Thessalonians 5:18

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