



CREATING A CARING CONGREGATION

(Practicing the "One Anothers" of the Bible)

"Consider One Another"

Hebrews 10:24

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Why is it beneficial for Christians to study the one anothers of the bible? How would your relationships change if you committed to being a doer of the word of God as it relates to the one anothers of the bible? (Read James 1:22-25) Imagine practicing the one anothers in your home and local church congregation. Will you commit to do your part of one another relationships?

1. Do you think of, or concentrate, on ways you can encourage people in your church to show more love to each other? Hebrews 10:24 commands Christians to think seriously and carefully about actions they could take to create a more loving Christian congregation. They were to be intentional about loving one another..
2. The word provoke is often used in a negative manner. However, in this context it is used positively. The idea is to act as a catalyst to incite or cause a positive reaction in others. Each person is to initiate actions that cause positive reactions in others. Do you intentionally provoke people in your congregation in a positive way. How do members in your congregation react to you? Why do you think they react that way?
3. This verse teaches us to provoke or stimulate people to be more loving. 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 gives a description of love. When we love each other, we seek the other persons highest good. We want to love them in a way that not only causes them to feel loved but also makes the want to show love to others. We love God because he first loved us according to 1 John 4:19. God provoked us. God started this relationship of love. He is the initiator, and we are the responders. God showed his love for us because we were still sinners Christ died for us according to Romans 5:8. We are to emulate or copy God in loving others. Do not wait initiate.

4. We are in Hebrews 10:24 to provoke people to do good works. The good works of Christians cause God to be glorified. Jesus said in Matthew 5:6, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven."
5. Obeying Hebrews 10:24 requires thought and actions. We must be willing to say something and do something. We must understand our responsibility for the love and good works of our church. If either is lacking, we must concentrate on how we can bring about change. We must be the change we want to see in others.
6. The following bullet points are suggestions as to how you might provoke people to love and good works in your congregation.
 - Look for people in public gathering times who appear to be new or alone and go greet them in a loving way.
 - Examine and think about your demeanor. Do you appear to be pleasant and friendly?
 - Evaluate your love by comparing it with the teaching of 1 Corinthians 13.
 - Intentionally model loving ways among the fellowship.
 - Try to help those you know have been hurt by other Christians in the congregation or leadership of the church.
 - Evaluate your good works as to whether they serve as a motivational model.
 - Try to show more love to a member of the congregation than they can show to you even if they are your spouse or best friend.