

## Encouragement

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*When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need. Eph. 4:29 (The Inspirational Bible)*

*...say only what helps, each word a gift. Eph. 4:29 (The Message)*

### I. Three Questions

1. Who are you \_\_\_\_\_ on in life?
2. Who are you \_\_\_\_\_?
3. How are you doing that?

### II. Encouragement means \_\_\_\_\_

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### III. The Word of God says:

1. Acts 18:27 - To \_\_\_\_\_ forward or persuade.
2. I Thess. 5:11 - To \_\_\_\_\_ another person to the ordinary duties of life.
3. I Thess. 5:14 - Means to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and cheer up--especially the person who is discouraged and ready to give up. Lending them your faith and hope until their own develops.

4. Bear one another's burdens - Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13  
Bearing up means \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves next to another, so they don't fall.
5. Hebrews 3:13 - "Encourage one another every day" means encouragement is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ the believer from callousness.
6. Hebrews 10:25 - "Let us encourage one another" means to keep someone on their feet, who, if left to himself would \_\_\_\_\_
7. Proverbs 12:25 - "Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but an encouraging word makes him glad."

### How do we encourage others?

1. Listening
2. Affirming others
3. Support when another is hurting
4. Be a "balcony" person, not a "basement" person.