
Assembling Together: Considering and Encouraging
Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

And let us think upon one another
unto a stimulation
of **love** and
of **good works**,
not **forsaking**
the gathering together of ourselves,
just as custom of some,
but **exhorting**,
and so much more
to the degree that
you see the coming near of the day.

καὶ κατανοῶμεν ἀλλήλους
εἰς παροξυσμὸν
ἀγάπης καὶ
καλῶν ἔργων,
μὴ ἐγκαταλείποντες (present participle)
τὴν ἐπισυναγωγὴν **ἑαυτῶν**,
καθὼς ἔθος τισίν,
ἀλλὰ παρακαλοῦντες,
καὶ τοσοῦτῳ μᾶλλον
ὅσῳ βλέπετε ἐγγίζουσιν τὴν ἡμέραν.

1. Our Pondering: “And let us consider one another”

a. What We Are To Do: To think upon / study / examine

L. considerare “to look at closely, observe,”

Dwell upon

b. Who We Are To Do It To: One another

2. Our Purpose: “in order to stir up love and good works”

a. Our Activity: stimulation

Para (alongside) + Oxus (swift)

Acts 15:39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;

b. Our Aims:

- To stimulate love – proper motivation – selfless care
 - a) By observing others, we can see how **we might love** them more.
 - b) By observing others, we can see how we might encourage **them to love** more.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

John 13:35 – By this all will know if you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

- To stimulate good works – proper action – helpful service
 - a) By observing others, we can see how we might encourage them by what **we might be able to do for them**.
 - b) By observing others, we can see how we might encourage them to see what **they might be able to do for others**.

1 John 3:16 – By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down [our] lives for the brethren.

3. Our Process:

a. The Wrong Habit:

not **forsaking** the assembling of ourselves together,

as [is] the manner of some,

“church” = “assembly” – It’s what we are and what we do.

- fear
- discouragement/hurt
- laziness
- selfishness
- sin

b. The Right Habit:

but **exhorting** [one another], and so much the more

as you see the Day approaching.

It’s how the “assembly” works!

- Eph 4:11-16 – to equip and mature believers
- Heb 3:12-13 – to prompt and protect believers
- Rom 12/1 Cor 12 – to do what you have specially been gifted to do