
What Does It Mean to “Exhort One Another?”

1. What Word Is Used?

- παρακαλέω – parakaleo (pah-rah-kah-LEH-ō)
- 109x in 105 verses in the NT
- para (παρα) – alongside
- kaleo (καλέω) – to call
- Thus, **to call alongside**: “Can I share something with you?”

2. What Does It Mean To Exhort? – Used In 3 Primary Ways

a) **To plead to act – to beg (noun: advocate)**

Rom 12:1a I besech you therefore, brethren,

Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

1 Cor 4:16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, besech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

1 Pet 2:11 Beloved, I beg [you] as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

b) **To pull up in loss or difficulty – to bring comfort**

Matt 5:4 Blessed [are] those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

2 Cor 7:6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,

c) **To push forward to right belief or conduct – to prod**

Acts 11:23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

2 Thes 3:12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

1 Tim 2:1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks be made for all men,

DEFINITION OF “EXHORT:”

To be actively and personally involved in another person’s life by speaking the truth to them in some way that relates to the person’s status or circumstances

to urge the person to action,

to comfort the person in loss or difficulty, or

to encourage the person to right belief or conduct.

3. Who Does the Exhorting?

a) **Pastors Exhort:**

2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season [and] out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Titus 2:15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

b) **Those Gifted with that Gift Exhort:**

Rom 12:6a,8a Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us...he who exhorts, in exhortation;

c) **Each of Us Exhorts:**

1 Thes 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Heb 3:13a but exhort one another...

Heb 10:25b ...but exhorting [one another]...

4. How Do We Exhort?

a) **Share what you have learned from the Word of God**

Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

1 Thes 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

1 Thes 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

b) **Share what you have experienced from the work of God**

2 Cor 1:3-5 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

5. When Do We Exhort?

• **While Interacting Daily**

Heb 3:13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

• **While Assembling Weekly**

Heb 10:25 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.