

Encouragement

[1Th 5:14 ESV]

14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle*, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. (Or **disorderly, or undisciplined*)

There are four actions that are urged in this verse, admonish, encourage, help and be patient.

I really used to struggle with patient, then I realized GOD has patients with me for years and years.

I think that we humans as a whole, never seem to have that much trouble with admonish, maybe sometimes (due to a lack of patients) we are kind of quick on that trigger, we seem to spend a lot of time on what other people are doing and wanting to police them.

If only we spent that energy on our own self improvement

Be that as it may, I want to focus on “help the weak and encourage” but mostly encourage.

We here at the Refuge have a pretty good track record on helping the weak, not as much as we could do, and certainly not as much as needed, we do the toy drive, we have, in the last few months had people reaching out to us and we have been able to help them some.

I want to talk about encouragement, how often do we encourage each other? Good job Jen and Claude, way to go Kris and Sarah

That isn't really what I am talking about either, how often do you encourage your spouse?

Do you give real, helpful and honest encouragement to your children?

What about helping the weak, I know that none of us are in a position to hand out piles of money to people that need help that might approach us on the streets, but what about doing

what you can and also offering some words of encouragement, not to mention telling them about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

What about encouraging yourself, always remember Jesus does love you and did give his life for you, how more encouraged can you be?

[John 1:9-12 ESV]

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

[Luke 12:8 ESV]

8 "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God,