THE GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Personality Gift Of The Exhorter / Encourager

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• (Rom 12:6-8 NIV) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. {7} If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; {8} if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.
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“EXHORTER” = "Paraklesis" = "A Calling To Ones Side To Aid"

THE WORD MEANS:

• To encourage; to exhort; to warn; to plead with; to console or, to comfort. The word "exhort" (parakaleite) means to "beg, entreat, beseech, exhort“ or, to urge.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• The Encourager Loves To Encourage Others Towards Victorious Life. I.E. PETER ON PENTECOST

• An Encourager Looks For A Visible Response When Teaching Or Speaking. THE HEART TO COMMUNICATE
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• The Encourager Prefers Application Of Truth Over Research Of Truth. PUTTING TRUTH TO WORK

• The Encourager Teaches Principles Of Practical Application.

1 Timothy 4:13 (NKJV) — 13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• The Encourager Loves To Map Out Action Steps That Help Believers To Grow. ARGUMENT OR ADVICE TO INCITE ACTION

• The Encourager Is Focused On Working With People -- DOING THINGS WITH OR FOR PEOPLE.
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• The Encourager Encourages Other People To Develop In Their Personal Ministry. THE GOAL: FULL & FRUITFUL MINISTRY

• The Encourager Can Find Truth In An Experience --Validating That Experience With Scripture. LIFE IS FULL OF LESSONS
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• The Encourager Loves To Do Personal Counseling. To Strengthen and Encourage the Believer

• The Encourager Will Discontinue Personal Counseling If No Effort To Change Is Seen In Those They Are Counseling. “Until you do what I told you to do. I can't help you”
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• The Exhorter Is Fluent In Communication.
  ENCOURAGER'S ARE THE MOUTH OF THE BODY

• Encourager's View Trials As Opportunities That Produce Personal Growth. ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• Encouragers Accept People Without Judging Them. EVERYONE IS SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY.

• Encouragers Are Greatly Loved Due To Their Positive Attitude THEY DRAW PEOPLE BY BEING POSITIVE
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• Encouragers Witness Through Their Lives Rather Than Through Their Words IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO WALK THE WALK AS IT IS TO TALK THE TALK...

• The Encourager Often Makes Decisions Easily MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON THE INFORMATION THEY KNOW
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• The Encourager Finishes What They Start
  DO NOT LIKE TO LEAVE A PROJECT INCOMPLETE

• Encouragers Clear Up Problems In Relationships Quickly
  DO NOT LIKE STRAINED RELATIONSHIPS
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENCOURAGER

• Encouragers Expect A Lot Of Themselves And Of Others
  SETTING HIGH GOALS MEANS GROWTH.

• Encouragers Need A “Sounding Board” For Ideas & Thoughts
  IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOMEONE TO LISTEN
POTENTIAL PROBLEMS OF ENCOURAGERS

• Problem 1: Too Quick To Give Opinions / Advice
• Problem 2: Take Scripture Out Of Context To Make A Point
• Problem 3: Very Rigid In Prescribing Steps Of Action
• Problem 4: Can Be Outspokenly Opinionated
• Problem 5: Can Become Overly Self-Confident
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• Encouragers Have Been Gifted To Encourage Believers To Appropriate The Grace Of God In Their Christian Walk.
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• BARNABAS = A Good Illustration Of The Gift Of Encouragement

• Even His Name Means "Son Of Encouragement"

• (Acts 4:36 NIV) Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement),
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• We Need Someone Who Will Encourage Us.
• We Need To Be An Encouragement To Others.

• Those Encouraged Have Strength To Accomplish
• Those Encouraged Have Hope And Vision For Tomorrow
• Those Encouraged You Can Encourage Others
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- **N.T. Believers Are Called To Encourage And Build Up One Another**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV84) — 11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
- **Exhorting And Encouraging Is A Gift That Builds Up The Church**
- **1 Corinthians 14:12 (NIV84) — 12** So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.
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Exhorting Is Urging – Warning – Encouraging – While Being Patient

• 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV84) — 14 And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.
The Encourager Lifts Up The Discouraged To Be Strong In The Lord

• Isaiah 35:3–4 (NLT) — 3 With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. 4 Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you.”
Exhorting Helps Those Who Want To “Give Up”

- Hebrews 10:25 (NIV84) — 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

THE PERSON WHO NEEDS MINISTRY SAYS: "It's impossible."
THE ENCOURAGER SAYS: “All things are possible.” (Luke 18:27)