

## Answer Key:

### What is encouragement?

- action
- natural
- seconds

### FACTS....

- platitudes
- ourselves / others
- encouraging
- balance

### My part.....

- kill / life
- you matter to me
- grace
- down / in / up / out

### How can I become an Encourager?

1. Church
  - shared
  - share /study / serve / suffer
2. Commit
  - Barnabas
  - carry out / pretend
3. value
  - possibility
  - stand up
4. tand up
5. important
  - care
  - grow

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## You asked for it!

### Part 7

*As you go, Encourage others!*

### 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

***"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."***

### What is Encouragement?

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of giving someone support, confidence or help.
  - As you learn how to encourage others in the Lord, let it become a \_\_\_\_\_ part of your life
- Encouraging others does not have to take a lot of time, smiling at someone takes a few \_\_\_\_\_.

### Introductory Statement

***Most of us, at one time or another, have had someone in our lives that encouraged us. Perhaps it was a parent, teacher, coach or a pastor. There are few things in life as meaningful as a timely word of encouragement that builds us up and helps us through hard times.***

### Ephesians 4:29 ESV

***"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."***

## Facts about Encouragement...

- Biblical encouragement **is not** spouting off motivational

\_\_\_\_\_ to one another, it's much deeper and much stronger and much more honest than that.

- Most of the time we are seeking out encouragement for

\_\_\_\_\_ verses giving encouragement to \_\_\_\_\_?

- If you want to be encouraged then be

\_\_\_\_\_!

- If **you always need** encouragement, something is out of

\_\_\_\_\_!

## My part.....

- We have the power to \_\_\_\_\_ or give

\_\_\_\_\_.

### Proverbs 18:21 Message

***"Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit – you choose."***

- We have the power to give life by telling one another:

\_\_\_\_\_!

- We can become the voice of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives – helping with encouraging words.

### Romans 14:19 Message

***"So let's agree to use all our energy in getting along with each other. Help others with encouraging words..."***

- We become encouragers when we stop looking

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and start looking

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

### Romans 15:2 Message / NLT

***"Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us... asking ourselves, "How can I help?"***

## How can I become an Encourager?

The setting:

**Acts 2:44-47 NIV**

*"...the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."*

1. Encouragement must begin with the \_\_\_\_\_.

•Life is meant to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 133:1 GNT**

*"How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!"*

***It is genuine Heart to Heart, sometimes gut-level experience!***

•We \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ together, we \_\_\_\_\_ together, we \_\_\_\_\_

together, and that is real encouragement!

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ to become an encourager.

**Acts 4: 34-37 NIV**

*"...here were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need. For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means "Son of Encouragement"). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles"*

•Each one of us must become an " \_\_\_\_\_ " to the people around us and the world.

**Acts 11:23-24 NLT**

*"...believers to stay true to the Lord. Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord."*

**Question:**

**When people see you coming what do they say?????**

•We \_\_\_\_\_ the work of the  
Lord not \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 11:23 NLT**

***"When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord."***

**We commit by saying**

***"I am going to build up people around me."***

3. We must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ other people.

**Acts 9:26 NCV**

***"When Saul went to Jerusalem, he tried to join the group of followers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he was really a follower."***

- We must see the \_\_\_\_\_ in everyone we meet.
- We must \_\_\_\_\_ for people who are trying to live the Christian life so they don't get discouraged and quit.

**Acts 9:27-28 NCV**

***"But Barnabas accepted Saul and took him to the apostles. Barnabas explained to them that Saul had seen the Lord on the road and the Lord had spoken to Saul. Then he told them how boldly Saul had preached in the name of Jesus in Damascus. And so Saul stayed with the followers, going everywhere in Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord."***

***We must Champion the underdog!***

***We must look past people's failures!***

***An Encourager works hard at bringing out the best in others!***

4. We must focus on what is really \_\_\_\_\_!

**Acts 11:21 NLT**

***"The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord."***

•Encourager \_\_\_\_\_ more about people than programs.

**Acts 11:26 NLT**

***Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)"***

•Encourager want people to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.

**This week use these statements:**

***"I believe in you"***

***"I am grateful for you"***

***"I appreciate you"***

***"I see God using you"***

***"I'm glad you are in my life"***