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Preaching & Teaching: "Admonition"

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Another word used in the New Testament for instruction through God's Word is noutheteo, admonition. It indicates revealing what is wrong in one's heart or mind and thereby bring warning and instruction. This admonition encourages one's adjustment to the appropriate pathway through a reassuring reminder of what is correct. This approach is a "well-meaning earnestness with which one seeks to influence the mind and disposition" of another; even so, it "presupposes an opposition to be overcome" (Kittel's; Vol IV; 1019).

Through Paul's use of this word in 1 Corinthians 4:14-16, he brings out the gentle and heartfelt desire behind the correction needed. "I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me" (emphasis added). Paul's instructive and corrective spirit is unmistakably loving, fatherly, and compassionate. Such is the tone of this edifying approach from the perspective of the one bringing the instruction.

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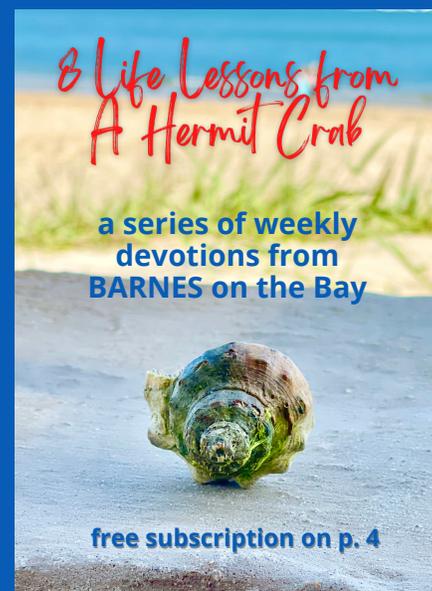
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Another passage using this word (noutheteo) and concept (admonition) is 1 Thessalonians 5:12, which suggests the attitude the admonished need for those bringing it to them. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you." In the church at Thessalonica, corrective measures were needed. Even so, they were to understand the caring method by which these instructors sought to improve their understanding, spirit, and attitude.

Most certainly, edifying admonishment is needed in the church and must be characteristic of teaching and preaching. Without the heart of loving care behind one's words, the value of the message will likely fall on deaf ears. Yet, when sincere compassion characterizes all that is said, a receptive spirit is more likely to be realized. The goal of such admonition is caring correction affecting an improved spiritual attitude. And when such is accomplished, a decisive change will occur in the course of the hearer.

With this being understood, compassionate admonition cannot be assigned to just "teaching" or "preaching" alone. To be most effective, any proclaimer of Scripture must be caring in corrective admonishment. Such an approach will more likely construct an atmosphere of reception needed by the one being warned.

Grateful for Your Ministry Among Us!

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Thank You Virginia!

Debbie and I thank you for the recent recognition of our 50th wedding anniversary. The state association was gracious to surprise and honor this milestone with two gifts (as seen here). One is a wooden cutting board commemorating our anniversary, and the second is a \$200 gift card to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. We've never been there before, and we will ENJOY this treat! We love you all. Thank you!

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