

## ENCOURAGEMENT

"Let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer..." Hebrews 10:25. GNB

### Why is encouragement necessary?

"Remember that there will be \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Last Days".

2 Timothy 3:1. GNB

The word literally means \_\_\_\_\_

"No officer shall speak discouragingly to another officer in the discharge of his duties" (Royal Navy Regulations)

"You have taught many people and given strength to feeble hand: When someone stumbled, weak and tired Your words encouraged him to stand" (Eliphaz to Job in Job 4:4. GNB)

### What is encouragement?

The Greek word 'to encourage' is \_\_\_\_\_; with connected words it appears \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament. It literally means "to call alongside".

From the same root comes \_\_\_\_\_ which Jesus uses to describe the Holy Spirit (see John 14:16,26; 15:26; 16:7.).

It can be translated Helper, Comforter, Counsellor, Encourager or Advocate.

So, we could translate Hebrews 10:25,

"Let us be like the Holy Spirit to one another".

Encouragement is a \_\_\_\_\_

## How can we encourage one another?

"Give me a church where folks in the lurch  
Are encouraged then healed from above  
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word  
and the truth is modelled in love"

Chuck Swindoll

\*By a word of \_\_\_\_\_

A compliment is \_\_\_\_\_

Who can I affirm today?

\*By an act of \_\_\_\_\_

Who can I write a note of appreciation to, or buy a little gift for?

By a gesture of Sympathy is nice, but  
\_\_\_\_\_ goes deeper.

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.  
When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same  
comfort God has given us".

2 Corinthians 1:4. NLT

Who needs to know that, though I have no answers, I'm standing  
with them?