



1. Encourage Them For...

A. **Their** _____ (vv.1-2, 6, 9, 12, 21)

B. **Their** _____ (vv.4, 5b)

C. **Their** _____ (vv.5a, 7)

D. **Their** _____ (vv.13, 23)

2. Encourage Them With...

A. **Your** _____ (v.1)

B. **Your** _____ (v.2a)

C. **Your** _____ (v.2b)

D. **Your** _____ (v.4)

E. **Your** _____ (v.16)

F. **Your** _____ (v.22)

1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, **2** that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well. **3** Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, **4** who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. **5** Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. **6** Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. **7** Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. **8** Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. **9** Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. **10** Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. **11** Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. **12** Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. **13** Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. **14** Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. **15** Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. **16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you. ... **21** Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen. **22** I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord. **23** Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Write down some of the names of the Christians in your church who have been an encouragement to you recently, especially in any of the four ways identified from Romans 16 in the first part of this sermon.
2. Read **1 Corinthians 16:10-12, 15-18**. As we saw in Romans 16, Paul will often take time in his epistles to identify by name people who need to be recognized and honored. List Paul's reasons in these verses for lauding Timothy, Stephanas' household, Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus. Do any other Christians in your church come to mind when you write out these descriptions?
3. Of the six ways identified in Romans 16 to encourage those who encourage you, which is the most neglected in your practice? Why do you think you tend to overlook this means of encouraging your encouragers?
4. Read **Matthew 13:53-57**. It is often those closest to us or most familiar to us whom we fail to appreciate. How can you prevent yourself from taking for granted the "familiar encouragers" in your life? What periodic reminders can you employ?
5. In light of the six identified ways to encourage your encouragers, which ones will you utilize this week, and toward whom?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

March 4th

Num.32-33 & Mk.10:1-31

March 5th

Num.34-36 & Mk.10:32-52

March 6th

Deut.1-2 & Mk.11:1-19

March 7th

Deut.3-4 & Mk.11:20-33

March 8th

Deut.5-7 & Mk.12:1-27

March 9th

Deut.8-10 & Mk.12:28-44

March 10th

Deut.11-13 & Mk.13:1-13

March 11th

Deut.14-16 & Mk.13:14-37

For MP3 sermons go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0206 – **People Tools: Committed to Encouragement**

CD # 0436 – **Your Spiritual Gardeners**

CD # 1105 – **Sincerely Loving God's People**

CD # 1109 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**

CD # 0029 – 0233 – **People Who Make a Difference** (a five-part series)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alonzo, Ray. **Simple Acts of Kindness: Little Ways to Make a Big Difference**. Cook Communications, 1998.

Dobson, Lorna. **Caring for Your Pastor: Helping God's Servant to Minister with Joy**. Kregel Publications, 2001.

Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.

Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.

Lewis, C. S. **The Four Loves**. Harvest Books, 1971.

Moffatt, James. **Love in the New Testament**. Smith Publishing, 1930.

Morris, Leon. **Testaments of Love: A Study of Love in the Bible**. Eerdmans, 1981.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.

Spicq, Ceslas. **Agape in the New Testament**. Herder, 1963.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Woodbridge, John D., ed. **Great Leaders of the Christian Church**. Moody Press, 1988.

_____. **More Than Conquerors: Portraits of Believers from All Walks of Life**. Moody, 1992.