

TEACH ONE ANOTHER

Romans 15:14 *I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.*

1. The purpose of personal growth is to teach others.

a. Growth in goodness results in teaching others by transformed living

- i. Goodness is the essence of moral character and moral living
- ii.

b. Growth in knowledge results in the instruction of others

- i. *to instruct carries the ideas of encouraging, warning, and advising. It is a comprehensive term for counseling. In this context, it refers to coming alongside other Christians for spiritual and moral counseling. Paul is not referring to a special gift of counseling, but of the duty and responsibility that every believer has for encouraging and strengthening other believers.*
- ii. *J. B. Phillips's paraphrase of Colossians 3:12-17 is especially helpful. As, therefore, God's picked representatives of the new humanity, purified and beloved of God Himself, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Accept life, and be most patient and tolerant with one another, always ready to forgive if you have a difference with anyone. Forgive as freely as Christ has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be truly loving, for love is the golden chain of all the virtues. Let the harmony of God reign in your hearts, remembering that as members of the same body you are called to live in harmony, and never forget to be thankful for what God has done for you. Let Christ's teaching live in your hearts, making you rich in the true wisdom. Teach and help one another along the right road with your psalms and hymns and Christian songs, singing God's praises with joyful hearts. And whatever work you may have to do, do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through Him.*

c. Everyone who is growing in goodness and knowledge is qualified to teach others

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Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God*

2. Teaching is always based on the Word of God

a. The word of Christ is to dwell in you richly

i. We hear it eagerly

1. **Matthew 13:9** *He who has ears, let him hear.*

ii. We handle it correctly

1. **2 Timothy 2:15** *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

iii. We apply it wisely

1. **Psalm 119:11** *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

iv. We live it consistently

1. **Philippians 2:16** *holding fast to the word of life...*

b. We use the Word of Christ to teach

i. Teaching is the impartation of positive truth, which is the result of a life overflowing with the Word of Christ.

c. We use the word of Christ to admonish

i. Admonishing is the negative side of teaching. It means to warn people of the consequences of their behavior.

d. The context of teaching is always wisdom

i. We are wise when we apply to our lives what we learn

ii. We are wise when we help others apply to their lives what they are learning.

iii. We are fools if we believe we can teach and admonish without backing it up by our own moral character.