

EXERCISING ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE NEW YEAR

Introduction – Our world is saturated with fear, negativism, terrorism, war and warnings of “fiscal cliffs.” It is enough to discourage anyone from wanting to travel, spend money, or try pursuing personal dreams. But God has a powerful weapon to combat this: encouragement

- A. Regular Encouragement – Hebrews 3:12-13
- B. Collective Encouragement – Hebrews 10:24-25
- C. Encouragement about our Future – 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Conclusion – When we put these passages of God's word into our lives on a regular and consistent basis, we will be both givers and receivers of encouragement, which will fuel us into a glorious future with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you define encouragement?
2. How can encouragement help others?
3. How can you encourage more of your brothers and sisters in Christ?
4. Why does Satan not want us to encourage one another?
5. How can the Princeton Church of Christ do a more effective job at encouraging one another on a congregational level?