

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:19-39 #7 Series *One Another*; HCat 12.32  
**Singing:** 408:1-3 – 438:3-4 – 113:1-3 – 371:1-3

### Opening observations

- “And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26)
  
- To be a Christian is a **privileged calling** (John 13:34-34; Rom. 12:1-2, 10)  
“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord, unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.” (Col. 1:11)

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| <h3 style="text-align: center;">The Christian’s Ministry of Encouragement</h3> |
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#### I. The Christian’s mindset of encouragement

A. “Let us” is addressed to all believers called into the Kingdom (Col. 1:14)

1. Our calling is not an option but an opportunity

2. Our calling stands counter to ‘worldly thinking’ (Rom. 12:1-2)

B. The calling: *to provoke one another to love and good works*

1. The ‘provoking’ is fruit of a ‘considering mindset’ (Phi. 2:5; Rom. 12:2)

C. The method: *consider one another* (compare Matthew 6:28)

1. to consider defined literally

2. to consider defined practically

## **II. The Christian's ministry of encouragement is to *provoke one another***

A. The 'considering one another' has the purpose of leading to action

1. Provoke defined

a. Current meaning

b. Biblical meaning

2. The goal of this *provoking* each other: *to love and good works*

a. Love is outstanding characteristics of Christianity

- John 13:33-34; 1 Cor. 13

b. Good works is the ultimate purpose of salvation

- Eph. 2:10; 1 Tim. 6:18; 2 Tim. 3:17; Titus 2:7, 14

**Close:** What can I give?

A. Strive to be an example like Paul exhorts Timothy: 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Th. 3:9

B. Strive to be an encourager: Rom 1:8; 1 Cor. 1:4; 2 Cor. 9:2-3; Phil. 1:3

C. Strive to exhort others to be involved: Heb. 10:25

If you wish to be disappointed, look at others.  
If you wish to be disheartened, look at yourself.  
If you wish to be encouraged, look to Jesus.  
If you wish to be an encourager, abide in Jesus.

### **Prayer Points as Suggested by the Scripture**

1. To be a community of encouragement.
2. To consider others thru the lens, "What can I give them?"
3. To be enabled to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ
4. To have opened eyes for those among us that need encouragement.