

HOW TO DO WHAT YOU JUST CAN'T DO

“Life-Altering Encouragement”, Hebrews 10:23-25
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There are many things in your life that you cannot “just do.” But there is hope! They can be done, over time, by doing daily things that you can “just do.”

I. Encouragement Changes the Course of People’s Lives.

Encouragement is outside fuel that every human being needs in order to do what they cannot personally “just do.” Encouragement redirects, renews, energizes, and sustains.

“Human performance requires fuel from relationship.” - Dr. Henry Cloud, “The Power of the Other”

If you are a believer:

- God calls every believer to the “ministry of encouragement.”
- God calls every believer to intentionally seek out spiritually encouraging relationships.

When you put your faith in Jesus, you are forgiven forever. Temptation doesn’t disappear, but you now have the Holy Spirit in you to help you hold unswervingly.

II. Strategize How You Are Going to Encourage People.

This verb translated “consider how” is κατανοέω, katanoēō. It means “to concentrate by fixing one’s thinking.”

Life-changing encouragers don’t just do it accidentally, they do it on purpose.

“God, who do you want me to spur on? And how?”

There are very few things like encouragement that do so much good, last so long, and usually cost so little.

III. Encouragement Has a Ripple Effect.

“Spur” is παροξυσμός, paroxusmos: “provoke, irritate, incite.”

IV. The First Step of Compassion Is Usually: Just Get Near Someone.

V. Take Personal Responsibility for Seeking Godly People to Be a Part of Your Life. James 4:2 NIV

“Encourage” is the word παρακαλέω, parakaleō. It means literally “draw close beside” And it includes the actions of “encourage, comfort, console, exhort.” John 14:16 NIV84