

2025 Theme: Consider One Another

Text: Hebrews 10:24

Date: 1-12-25

I. Consider One Another (Heb. 10:24a).

consider: This word (Greek: *katanoeo*) means *to give careful thought or consideration to, to observe, take note.*

This implies the following:

- 1) We should employ careful thought and consideration toward the God-ordained process in place within the local church.
- 2) Faithfulness to the local church is not only important, not only commanded; it is the way we can encourage others to love and good works.
- 3) When we consider others before ourselves, we not only emulate Christ, we flesh out His example of serving other people.
- 4) Serving others in the body is one of the best ways to combat pride and rid our lives of selfishness.
- 5) This implies well thought out actions that we purposefully plan in order to demonstrate love and dedication to Jesus Christ and His body: the local church.

If the church desires to work as God designed it, we must place a proper emphasis on *one another*. Church is a place where we can assemble together in worship to God in thanksgiving for what Jesus Christ has done and is doing, to fellowship with the saints, and encourage and exhort one another to good works.

****Stimulate to love**

We cannot view agape love without first and primarily looking at God's love for us. God's love is bountiful, merciful, and forgiving. His love overflows and is a relationship bound in mercy and reconciliation.

****Stimulate to good works**

How do we tangibly do that?

- Fellowship with other believers never should have a selfish motive attached to it.
- Encouraging and imploring others to good works means coming to church, not for what you can get out of it, but rather for how you can contribute to it.
- Do not be judgmental in speaking to others; rather, encourage others in their spiritual growth, all the while speaking of your own struggles and growth opportunities.
- Ask, implore, and invite others to do something that will make an eternal impact on one other person.
- Do a good work by listening to another person this week.
- Do a good work by serving through an action towards another person this week.
- How can you be a blessing to another person this week? Ask one person: "Were you a blessing to someone or did someone bless you this week?"
- Encourage others to say the right thing, do the right thing, and think the right thing. Be kind and humble in doing so.
- Be willing to be more open about spiritual things with others in this local body
- Be a listening ear, ready to help but more patient to learn.
- Ask a question every Sunday of one or more people: Not "How was your week?" Rather, "How was your spiritual growth?" "What did you read that impacted you for Christ?" "Did you pray for an opportunity to share Christ?" "How can I pray for your needs this week?"
- Make an attempt to speak to someone that you don't normally talk to on Sundays. Move just a little out of your comfort zone.
- Encourage others through visiting them during the week. Call them. Email them. Write a note.
- Be friendly.
- Ask how can I help you in your daily walk with Christ?