

WARNING LOVED ONES ABOUT SIN

1 Corinthians 4:14-21

1. Admonish Lovingly Without Shame (14)

¹⁴ *I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.*

- How should we “admonish” one another?

a) Admonishers must have the right motivation and the right information

Romans 15:14 I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to *admonish* one another.

b) Admonishers must have a heart that aches over sin

Acts 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to *warn* everyone night and days with tears.

c) Admonishment challenges a heart to obey the Lord through teaching God’s Word

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

d) Admonishment conforms a heart to be like Christ

Colossians 1:28 Him we preach, *warning* every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

e) Admonishment confronts sin

2 Samuel 12:5-7 ⁵So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! ⁶And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.” ⁷Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.’”

f) Admonishment loves like a family member

1 Corinthians 4:14 I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.

2 Thessalonians 3:15 Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

g) Admonishment is necessary in the ministry

1 Thessalonians 5:12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

2. Guide With Parental Direction (15; cf. 1 Thess 2:7-11)

¹⁵ For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

3. Teach By Example (16-17)

¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.

4. Humble The Proud By Highlighting God's Authority (18-20; cf. 2 Cor 10:10-11)

18 Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. 20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

5. Share The Option Of Learning Gently Or Difficultly (21)

21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Conclusion:

1. 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

- Growth in truth over cowering in shame
- Exemplifying in discipleship
- Point out the issue is between them and God

2. Personal Checklist

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

- **Discernment:** Discern if a person is overwhelmed by temptation or deliberately sought to sin
- **Alignment:** Make sure you are spiritually aligned with God
- **Restoration:** The goal is to restore your loved one
- **Gentleness:** Bedside manner is as important as the surgery
- **Self-Cautiousness:** Guard yourself from being tempted in the same area you are confronting

3. Issue Checklist

- **Warn:** Sin Will Be Confronted (2 Cor 1:1-3)
- **Encourage:** Christ Saved Us To Live Righteously (2 Cor 13:4)
- **Examine:** Exhort Self-Examination (2 Cor 13:5-6)
- **Pray:** Pray For Their Righteous Relationship With God (2 Cor 13:7)