

BUILDING OTHERS UP
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

FOCAL PASSAGE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 “THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP, JUST AS IN FACT YOU ARE DOING”

BIBLICAL TRUTH: PAUL WAS WRITING TO THE THESSALONIAN CHRISTIANS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FAITH AND GIVE THEM ASSURANCE OF CHRIST’S RETURN

BUSINESS IMPACT: BY ENCOURAGING OTHERS AND BUILDING THEM UP, THEY WILL BE MORE PRODUCTIVE WORKERS FOR YOU AND LOOK TO YOU MORE IN THE FUTURE FOR GUIDANCE

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN YELLED AT? DOESN’T FEEL GOOD DOES IT.

MICHAEL MOORE: WHILE I WAS WORKING AT J.C. PENNEY IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, I MADE A PRETTY BIG MISTAKE ONE NIGHT. I LEFT THE DOOR UNLOCKED TO THE STORE. IT WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY. I MESSED UP. POINT BLANK. MY FAULT. HOWEVER, THE PHONE CALL FROM THE BOSS WAS LESS THAN ENCOURAGING.

FROM THAT MOMENT ON, WE NEVER HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP. HE CHOSE TO BREAK ME DOWN INSTEAD OF BUILD ME UP.

I WONDER HOW OTHERS SEE US. NOT ONLY IN THE WORKPLACE, BUT IN THE WORLD. DO THEY SEE US AS CONDESCENDING? ALWAYS NEGATIVE. HERE COMES SO AND SO. IT BET HE/SHE IS GOING TO...

OR DO THEY SEEK A PERSON THAT IS ALWAYS ENCOURAGING, GIVING HOPE, TRYING TO GET THE BEST OUT OF US.

I BELIEVE BY POINTING OUT SOMEONES GOOD QUALITY THAT YOU APPRECIATE IN HIM OR HER, IT WILL LEAD TO MORE VALUE THAN THE CONVERSE.

THIS INCLUDES JOKING AROUND. PEOPLE HAVE FEELINGS AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN THEIR LIFE AT THAT TIME. BE SENSITIVE TO THOSE AROUND YOU.

THIS GOES FOR THOSE OF YOU IN CBB THAT DO NOT HAVE EMPLOYEES. YOU HAVE PEOPLE WATCHING YOU WHETHER YOU THINK SO OR NOT.

PEOPLE HAVE A WAY OF BECOMING WHAT YOU ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE NOT WHAT YOU NAG THEM TO BE—SCUDDER N PARKER—

ONE OF THE HIGHEST HUMAN DUTIES IS THE DUTY OF ENCOURAGEMENT...IT IS EASY TO LAUGH AT MEN'S IDEALS: IT IS EASY TO POUR COLD WATER ON THEIR ENTHUSIASM; IT IS EASY TO DISCOURAGE OTHERS. THE WORLD IS FULL OF DISCOURAGERS.WE HAVE A CHRISTIAN DUTY TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER. MANY A TIME A WORD OF PRAISE OR THANKS OR APPRECIATION OR CHEER HAVE KEPT A MAN ON HIS FEET. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO SPEAKS SUCH A WORD.— WILLIAM BARCLEY—

PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE YOU A SPIRIT THAT WILL BUILD SOMEONE UP RATHER THAN TEAR THEM DOWN.