

Room Devotion LWML WINTER GETAWAY

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Encouraged by Christ to Encourage Others

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

How many of us are given opportunities every day to encourage someone and we pass them by? It may be someone we meet in a grocery store, that young mother struggling with children in the checkout line, the neighbor with health issues, a co-worker going through a hard time.

Not only should we show God's love to strangers and acquaintances but also to others we are close to, our friends, family and other Christians. The list is endless. What can we say or do to lighten their burden and show them the love of God? A kind word or a small act of kindness. Maybe just a smile would be enough to brighten their day.

Everyone needs that daily lift of encouragement. May we strive for a life of Christian love toward others as Christ has shown His love to us. He gave His all for us, let us show our thanks in our lives of service and encouragement to others. There is so much good to be done, so many burdens to share, let us not grow weary doing it.

We pray:

Dear God, we ask that you would lead us each day, that we may lead a life pleasing to You, serving others and showing Your love to all. Help us in those situations where we may need that extra encouragement from you. We pray that God will continue to open opportunities for us to share your love and the Gospel. Thank you for the gifts you have given us and help us to use these gifts to glorify Your name. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

May the love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

II Corinthians 13:11 - Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, **encourage one another**, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Hebrews 3:13 - But **encourage one another** daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.