



COACH'S CORNER

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Everyone needs encouragement: This is especially true in the world in which we live today.

Discouragement and depression can presently be found almost everywhere.

As followers of Christ we are called to be **Light and Salt** to the world in which we live.



The **Light** we are asked to radiate doesn't come from electricity. It comes directly from our Lord who indwells all true followers of Christ. The Holy Spirit becomes our electrician and supplies the **Light** greatly needed in some of the darkest places that comprise our earth.

Being Salt suggests we are to flavor the circumstances in which we find ourselves. We are called to help heal the wounds of those we are called to assist. We are to be servants of our Lord. We are not called to judge others. We are called to restore those who have fallen...not to destroy them. This requires a special kind of love that can repair broken lives and will help those who have swallowed too much of the poison that the world offers. A big dose of encouragement coupled with a special love that only Christ can provide can bring about healing and can even restore the fruit of the Spirit within you which includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22). Dressed in these important character traits you will be able to encourage many to also fill their wardrobe with these traits as well.

So don't wait. Put on these special garments and blanket your home, your friends and any others that the Lord puts in your path with these characteristics. Everyone needs to be encouraged. Most importantly they need the Lord if they have never become followers of Christ.

Never forget, we are called to be ambassadors for our Lord. No exceptions. Also when witnessing to others, please remember, you don't have to say a word. Your actions speak louder than any expressions you can utter. You don't even have to leave your home. The world is your mission field even without traveling to foreign countries. Needs are everywhere and are enormous. So jump aboard.

Encourage others. Live a life that is bursting with joy, hope, mercy and peace. Be sure to initiate every day and every possible moment with prayer. God answers prayer.

So do those knee bends and prepare to offer bushels of encouragement to a world in crisis. The following suggestion is just one way to encourage others:



- 1 Take the card of encouragement that is enclosed and write a short note inside the card—something like: "Just a note to tell you that I am praying for you. Please let me know if I can help you in any way. God bless!"
- 2 Address the card
- 3 Mail the card of encouragement
- 4 Now pray that the Lord will encourage the recipient and bless them and their families.
- 5 At this point, it is time to find a comfortable chair, sit back, and praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him.
- 6 Finally, be blessed and possibly think of other ways that you can encourage your family, friends, neighbors, or others that the Lord puts on your heart.

In closing, thank you for considering blessing others with a much-needed dose of encouragement. May the Lord shower you with His blessings as you reach out to those drowning in the Sea of Despair that has flooded much of the entire world.

Blessings,
Russ Carr



P.S. If you would like to receive the booklet entitled 199 Promises of God please contact us via email at contact@globalssm.org or via response card.