

LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER

Text: Heb. 10:24-25

- The progression of the author's three-fold invitation:
 - If you don't know Christ, you should _____ to Him.
 - If you have come to Christ, you should _____ close to Him.
 - If you know and love Christ, and are living close to Him, you should care enough to help others stay close as well.

I. THE PERSPECTIVE FOR PROVOKING (vs. 24A)

A. The Meaning of Provoking

- Consider = "to _____, contemplate, notice, think about, take note of" something (Heb. 3:1).
- Provoke = "to _____, stir someone up, poke, prod, incite to a course of action" (paroxysm).

B. The _____ of Provoking

- It's not usually _____ to be provoked or to have to provoke someone else.
- Application 1: If you have someone willing to provoke you when you need it, don't get be resentful but _____ God for that person (Psalms 141:5).
- Application 2: If you have a responsibility to provoke someone else:
 - Don't hold back because you're _____ of how it might turn out.
 - Don't be irritable, _____, or harsh in your approach (Jas. 2:13, 2 Tim. 2:24-25).

C. The Prerequisite for Provoking

- One reason we don't effectively provoke one another is because we're not _____ one another.
- The admonition isn't addressed to the pastors or deacons but (vs. 19) to the "_____"; (vs. 24) to "one another."
- Applications:
 - We should know others in church well enough to know how they are _____ in spiritual growth.
 - We should be taking _____ to get to know people well.
 - We should see it as our _____ to address matters of significant concern.
 - We should care enough to _____ if needed.

- We should not put _____ blocks in front of others.

- Question 1: How well do you know the people you go to church with every week?
- Question 2: When was last time you cared enough to check on someone you hadn't seen at church in a while?
- Question 3: Are you _____ for people to reach out to you at church, or are you reaching out to them?

II. THE _____ FOR PROVOKING (vs. 24B)

- "Unto love and good works"
 - Love = love for God, _____, spouse, children, neighbors, the lost.
 - Good works = the outcome of God's good work in us and practical demonstrations of love in our hearts (Titus 2:14).
- Our Great High Priest is _____ of our love and good works!

III. THE _____ FOR PROVOKING (vs. 25)

- "Not forsaking...but exhorting" are participles, verbs used as adjectives to describe, and here they describe the "us" in vs. 23.
 - To consider one another, we must _____ with one another.
 - To provoke one another, we must _____ one another.
 - These two action words speak of _____ local church participation—not just faithfully attending but fervently _____ with our brothers and sisters in Christ.