

## *Be an Encourager 2* Acts 13

In the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts, we see the importance of encouragement in life.

### I. ENCOURAGEMENT MUST BE SPOKEN

**Acts 13:14, 15**

Generally, the more we speak, the more we get into trouble.

**James 3:2 NLT**

**Prov. 10:19 NLT**

Do you just blurt out whatever comes to your mind?

Or do you weigh your words?

Think about this:

If one of the easiest ways to sin is with our mouth;

Then perhaps one of the easiest ways to bless people is with our mouths.

If you have a message or a word of encouragement, please speak it to others!

And If you don't, "Be sensible and keep your mouth shut".

### II. ENCOURAGEMENT DEALS WITH GOOD NEWS

**Acts 13:16, 22-23, 38-39**

Have you ever wondered how people are going to feel toward us after this life is over?

If we never bothered to tell them the good news about Jesus?

God is good.

He gave us the good news of Jesus.

So that we can be saved from our sins and be with Him forever.

That's the best news there is and we need to share it with others!

### III. ENCOURAGEMENT ULTIMATELY LEADS PEOPLE TO GOD

**Acts 13:42-44, 48**

They were urged to continue in the grace of God.

They gathered to hear the Word of God.

They were glad and honored the Word of God.

True encouragement points others to knowing God.

### IV. DO YOU KNOW THE SHEPHERD?

A journey through John chapter 10

**John 10:3b, 4 NLT**

**John 10:7-9 NLT**

**John 10:11 NLT**

**John 10:14-16 NLT**

**John 10:24-30 NLT**

Have you Confessed your sins to the Lord?

Have you Repented? [Turned from your sins to the Lord]?

Have you Received Jesus as the Lord and Master of your life?

Are you obeying His commands?

### CONCLUSION:

Someone said, "Flatter me, and I may not believe you.

Criticize me, and I may not like you.

Ignore me, and I may not forgive you.

But Encourage me, and I will not forget you."

We need to be in the BUSINESS OF ENCOURAGEMENT!

If you have any message of encouragement for others, SPEAK UP!!