

Study F: Admonishing Others

*"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."*

Col. 1:28

Why: Reasons for the study

- Admonishing is a key element in relating biblically to others.
- Forgiving may not eliminate the need for admonishing.

What: Principles to grasp

- According to God, admonishment is an act of love.
- We are to speak the truth in love and leave the outcome to God.
- There must be a balance between admonishing and overlooking sin; either extreme is wrong.
- Admonishing is one aspect of maintaining a clear conscience.

How: Path to a changed life

- To learn when and how to admonish biblically
- To practice forgiving before admonishing
- To trust God with the outcome/growth of the other person(s) they admonish
- To be willing to risk a relationship/unpleasant responses to obey God by admonishing

Helpful ideas:

- If your disciple is a Controller of People, they may need to back off on admonishing.
- If your disciple is a Controller of Circumstances, they may need to step up in admonishing.
- Realize that for either type of controller – backing off or stepping up may be very fearful for them – you may need to pray through their fears with them.
- Ask, "What problems do you have in being obedient to God's way of admonishing?"
- Role play how to handle possible responses if disciple is fearful of confrontation.

Tools and additional resources:

- *Steps to Releasing Fears to God (Releasing Fears - Part 2: B-4)*
- *Fear and Your View of God (Releasing Fears - Part 2: B-20)*