

Teach One Another

Opener: What's one of your favorite hymns or praise songs?

Scripture: Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16-17

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:18-20

Discussion Questions

1. This “one another” is about teaching, admonishing, and in fact, learning from one another. While it could include leading a class or preaching a sermon, what else could it include? Since Paul is addressing all believers, how does this happen on a routine basis? Colossians 3:16
2. As believers, we admonish others when we communicate a loving warning. What are some examples of when you've done that? How about when you've been admonished? Col. 3:16
3. How can we teach and admonish one another “with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit?” Have you ever learned something about God through music? If so, what was it? Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19
4. Colossians 3:16 reveals a strong correlation between being filled with the Spirit and knowing God's word. How does that combination help us teach, admonish, and learn from one another?
5. In Ephesians 5:18 Paul commands us not to “get drunk with wine but be filled with the Spirit.” Why do you think he uses drunkenness to contrast with being filled by the Spirit? How is being filled with the Spirit different from other forms of influence or control?
6. Describe the difference between a life that's filled with the Spirit and one that's not. Can we block His power in our lives? If so, how?
7. Paul connects being filled with the Spirit to giving thanks in Ephesians 5:20. Why would being thankful be associated with the work of the Holy Spirit? Is it hypocritical to give thanks when we don't feel thankful? Examples?

Wrap Up

Even if we aren't confident in our own ability to teach or admonish others because we don't know the Bible that well, if we allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us to those in our sphere of influence we will make a difference. For example, we can share Jesus with a mom at our son's soccer practice, or with a client or coworker. We can strike up a conversation with someone in line beside us. If we really listen to what others are sharing with us and to the Holy Spirit, His words will flow from us to them. That's all it takes for this one-another to happen through us. From *The Privilege of Prayer*, by Andrew Carter.