

Introduction

- Good Question: What does God want from me?

Main Point: Encourage others.

Key Words – (1) Encouragement. (2) Wisdom. (3) Love.

Point #1 – *Encourage* others with truth.

- Although a stern rebuke has its use among opponents of the Gospel, harsh rebuke is not part of encouragement to believers in the church.
- *Encourage* means to use gentleness and truth to urge, appeal, exhort, entreat, implore, console, comfort, lovingly affirm.

Point #2 - Encourage others with *wisdom*: respect age and gender.

- We need to work *with the nature of age and gender*, not against it.
- This can apply to the nature of personality as well.
- Respect also the calling of elders to lead.

Point #3 – Encourage others in *love*, like family should.

- God's plan has always been a family of faith (Genesis 12, Galatians 3, Hebrews 11).
- A leader should treat people exactly as he does his own family.

Application

- The purpose of the sermon is for us to resolve to practice encouraging another person.
- Consider an older person, a peer, and a younger person Gospel

Gospel

- Jesus encouraged us by showing us what God is like (John 14:7, 9)

Conclusion

- What does God want from me? To show people what God is like. Or, in other word: "Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you."

Or Better

"Love Jesus and love others in such a way that those who know you but don't know Jesus will come to know Jesus because they know you."