



A CLOSER LOOK AT HEBREWS
10:24

6 WAYS TO
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"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." ESV

Many Christians have seen this verse and the lists of practical ways we can show love to others. We can send cards, cook meals, fix a car, be kind, etc. All these things are good, but there are spiritual needs that need to be filled that this text, put in context, requires of us.

How can we produce greater affection for Christ and His Word and a deeper love for other believers?

Let's examine Hebrews 10. I would encourage you to read through the whole chapter. Look for the verbs in the sentences and underline them.



The Greek word for *consider* is *katanoeo*: to consider attentively; to fix one's eyes or mind on.

LOVE IN ACTION

Paroxysmos is Greek for stimulating or inciting others to do good works; to move into action.

The Strong's concordance defines *works* using the Greek word, *ergon*: **every activity undertaken for Christ's sake.**

6 ways to make every effort to incite other believers to pursue Christ and deepen their affection for God's Word, His people, and lost souls.

1. **Be Faithful.** Hebrews 10:23 says to hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promises. Are you actively talking about the faithfulness of God to the people you encounter? Do you live with hope and demonstrate this in how you walk through trials? Be faithful and model it for others! Encourage others not to quit!
2. **Encourage one another to come boldly before the throne of grace.** Read Hebrews 10:22. Do you believe we have the ability to enter God's presence at any moment? When you are talking with a friend or family member who is discouraged, do you offer to intercede with them and for them? Show them what our first instinct should be and enter boldly together.
3. **Hold tightly to hope.** Again, verse 23 reminds us to believe in the promises of God. Do you know what the promises of God are? Could you share those with someone who feels disillusioned or frustrated by their circumstances? What a gift this would be to a weary soul.
4. **Don't neglect to meet together as believers.** Even in Covid, we need to be making time to be with those who will encourage, teach, and admonish us in the Word. With technology, there are so many ways we can meet. Perhaps you can meet with one or two other church members or believers for a coffee. There is no command on how many people need to be present. Where two or three are gathered, He is in the midst! But He says to meet **regularly**.
5. **Remember.** Read Hebrews 10:32-36. Spend time remembering the goodness of God with another believer. In a world of pessimism and cynicism, God charges us to live in joy and suffer well, remembering His faithfulness in our suffering. Breathe hope to others through practicing remembrance. Your story could incite them to keep persevering and trusting.
6. **Lastly, stop deliberately sinning.** Ouch. We can't encourage the body of Christ if we are willfully sinning without repentance. Hebrews 10:26-30 offers a harsh rebuke against those who treat salvation as common and unholy. We must encourage one another to lay down our sins and pursue the better, life-giving ways God provides. Our responses must be grounded in truth and shared with one goal: restoration. Find someone that you feel safe with to be accountable to with areas of weakness. Listen without judgment to those who share with you and be prepared to speak truth into the situation if needed. This is true discipleship.