

Urgent Corporate Care Ministry
8/2/26
Review Update: “Motivate To Love”

Text: Hebrews 10:19-25

Introduction: Urgent care centers provide immediate attention, stabilization, and direction for people in vulnerable moments. Likewise, God designed the church to function as a spiritual care community—a place where needs are recognized, responses are intentional, and people are guided toward restoration.

The previous messages one thru three emphasized how God’s divine directives are assignments connected to purpose. They form a divine flow:

Godward / Vertical (v.22) → Inward (v.23) → Outward / Horizontal (v.24) = Presence → Stability → Community Impact.

This first horizontal assignment is in v.24: **“To Consider”** (present tense: ongoing)—to observe carefully, perceive clearly, and give sustained, thoughtful attention. This is connected to the second phase of the assignment’s purpose: **“To provoke one another”**—to stir up, incite, or strongly motivate toward spiritual action and growth.

The purpose of this message is to review and reflect on the assignment to stir and provoke one another to love, as highlighted in Hebrews 10:24.

Backdrop: It is important to understand three foundational truths about biblical love.

1. **The Command to Love—Matthew 22:37-40.**
 - a. Jesus identified love as the central command of the Christian life:
 - b. Jesus taught that love for God and others summarize the law and the prophets.
 - c. Everything God does flows from His love. “For God so loved the world...” (John 3:16).
 - Characteristics of love: living **beyond all measure, an extraordinary** life—I Corinthians 12:31b, 13:4-7.
2. **The Capacity to Love—Romans 5:5**
 - a. Romans 5:5 declares that “the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.”
 - God does not command us to do what He has left us powerless to accomplish.
 - The Holy Spirit gives believers an inward capacity for divine love. Philippians 2:13 likewise teaches that **God is working in us both to will and to work for His good pleasure**. He works not only in our actions but also in our desires.
 - b. This gives Hebrews 10:24 its significance: “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.”
 - c. To “provoke” or “stir up” means to stimulate, arouse, or awaken something that is already present.
 - **Corporate care is therefore not primarily about creating love from nothing; it is about stirring up the God-given capacity to love that already exists within us.**
 - God’s love has been poured into us—now that love must be cultivated, activated, and expressed toward one another.
3. **The Characteristics of Love—I Cor.13:4-7; Gal.5:22.**
 - a. When God’s love is stirred up and allowed to operate, it becomes visible in how we treat one another. First Corinthians 13:4–7 describes what love looks like in practice: love is patient, kind, not envious or boastful, not self-seeking, not easily provoked, and rejoices in truth.
 - b. Galatians 5:22 identifies love as the first fruit produced by the Spirit. Patience and kindness are remaining qualities as shown in I Corinthians 13 not separate isolated parts.
 - **Love is the source, and its characteristics are the evidence.** As love grows within us, the qualities described in 1 Corinthians 13 increasingly become evident in our relationships, our service, and our corporate care. JDF

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