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# Spurring One Another Toward Love and Good Works

(Hebrews 10:24–25)

## Introduction

We live in one of the most tense and polarizing seasons many of us have ever experienced. Our country is deeply divided, and tragically, the church has often mirrored this division—tolerating racism, ignoring the poor and homeless, accepting sexism and classism, and even remaining silent as civil rights and justice are rolled back.

But Scripture calls us to a different way of living. Paul reminds us in Romans 12:2 not to conform to the world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, discerning and living out the will of God.

The writer of Hebrews calls believers not to passivity, but to intentional Godly action—to stir one another up to love and good deeds.

## The Call to Intentional Christian Living

**1. Focus on Godly Transformation and Action**

True Christian living is more than quoting Scripture or attending church. It is about intentional action shaped by God’s love. We cannot call it Godly to cage people, to discriminate, or to deny others opportunities we take for granted.

**2. Resist Worldly Influence**

Hebrews warns against apathy, while Romans warns against conformity. Colossians 3:2 reminds us to set our minds on things above, not on earthly ways. As Christians, our convictions must be rooted in Christ, not in the shifting values of the world.

**3. Be Careful and Purposeful**

Ephesians 5:15–17 instructs us to live wisely, make the most of every opportunity, and discern the will of the Lord. Part of that intentionality means encouraging others and being consistent in our faith and works.

## The Hebrews 10 Challenge

Hebrews was written to Jewish Christians tempted to return to their pre-Christ ways under pressure. The writer encourages them (and us) to:
- Draw near to God
- Hold fast to our confession
- Spur one another on toward love and good deeds
He emphasizes that we must not neglect gathering together. Christian life is not meant to be lived in isolation but in mutual encouragement, especially in times of trial.

“It takes a Christian to encourage a Christian to be a Christian.”

## Love and Good Works

The writer highlights two essentials of Christian life:

• **Agape Love** – sacrificial, unconditional, intentional love modeled after Christ.

 - John 15:13 – Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

 - 1 John 3:18 – Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

• **Good Works** – outward acts of obedience, service, generosity, mercy, and righteousness flowing from a transformed life in Christ.

 - Hebrews 6:10 – God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people.

## Reflection Questions

1. In what ways have I allowed the world’s patterns to shape my thinking or actions?

2. What does it mean for me personally to ‘spur others toward love and good deeds’?

3. How can I encourage others in my church or community to remain steadfast in their faith?

4. What specific good works is God calling me to practice more intentionally?

5. How can gathering with other believers strengthen my walk with Christ?

## Scripture References

• Hebrews 10:24–25
• Romans 12:1–2
• Colossians 3:2
• Ephesians 5:15–17
• John 15:13
• 1 John 3:18
• Hebrews 6:10