

The Word Says



How Does One Spur Another to Love and Good Deeds?

Hebrews 10:24, “Let us consider how we can spur one another on in love and good deeds” teaches us to motivate each other to love and good deeds. To love and good deeds are the mark of true Christianity. How does one spur someone to love and good deeds?

Christians are never judged by the confessions they make, or the creed they recite; Christians are judged by their deeds.

- How much practical love have you manifested?
- How far have you responded to the cry for help from someone near you?
- How far have you responded to someone who is destitute or disappointed, who needs an encouraging word or a helping hand or a generous check?

Notice that verse 24 actually says that it is the focus in the life of a Christian throughout life to motivate each other to love and good deeds. Notice, it is not consider how to love each other and do good deeds. That would be Biblical and right. But it's different: “Consider how to stimulate each other to love and good deeds.” Focus on helping others become loving people. Aim at stirring up others to do good deeds. And of course the implication would also be that if others need help and stirring, we do too, and so we would be aiming at engaging in ways we can think and feel and talk and act that will stir each other up to love and to do good deeds. The aim of our lives is not just loving and doing good deeds, but helping to stir up others to love and to good deeds.

Look at that word “consider.” [Hebrews 3:1 \(Links to an external site.\)](#) says, “Consider Jesus.” That is, look at him; think about him, focus on him, study him, let your mind be occupied with him. “Jesus” is the direct object of the verb “consider.” “Consider Jesus.” Consider what? Consider Jesus. In [Hebrews 10:24 \(Links to an external site.\)](#) the grammar is the same, the direct object of the word “consider” is “one another.” Literally, it says, “Consider one another.”

Consider one another. Literally, this is God's call on us to consider one another, that is, to look at one another, think about one another, focus on one another, study one another, let our minds be occupied with one another. And the goal of this focus on others is to think of ways of stimulating them to love and good deeds.