A) <u>Encouragement / Exhortation</u> <u>Comforting / Admonition</u>

- 1. **2 Co 1:3-7** God comforts us, and enables us to comfort others
- 2. **Acts 2:42** Continual devotion to the word, fellowship and prayer produces in us virtues that cause us to be encouraging to others
- 3. **Acts 9:31** Walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit is a source of ongoing prosperity
- 4. **Acts 11:22-23** We can and should encourage others to remain true and faithful to the Lord
- 5. **Acts 13:15** Words of exhortation are necessary for the edification of others
- 6. **Acts 14:21-22** Encouraging others to continue in the faith despite the sufferings is essential
- 7. **Acts 15:30-32** Both the written and the spoken word are essential for the encouragement of us and others
- 8. **Acts 18:27-28** Congregations can and should encourage ministers that are being sent out to help others
- 9. **Acts 20:1-2** We need an abundance of exhortation to maintain courage when pressures arise
- 10. **Acts 27:21-22** Urging those among us to maintain their courage
- 11. **Acts 28:15** Taking courage because of the faith of others in Christ

- 12. **Rom 1:11-12** Longing to be among other Christians and to be encouraged by each other's faith
- 13. **Rom 12:8** There is a gift of the Spirit in some persons that would naturally cause them to have an exhorting spirit within them for the edification of others
- 14. **Rom 15:4-5** Perseverance and encouragement is from the word of God, which produces hope and faithfulness to encourage others
- 15. **1 Co 14:3, 31** Speak to lift up others and not for the purposes of self promotion
- 16. **2 Co 7:3-4** Exhortation despite antagonism in the congregation is inevitably necessary for the pastor who is faithful to God
- 17. **2** Co **7** (all) Consolation from a pastor to the congregation will provide the necessary admonishment and encouragement that will ensure the congregation does not have loss in anything, resulting in the encouragement of the pastor himself and the restoration of unity in faith among the brethren
- 18. **2 Co 9:5** Paul is instilling in others the urgency to maintain their commitments
- 19. **Eph 6:22. Col 4. 1 Thes 3:2-3** People sent for the specific purpose of comforting others and informing them in regards to the conditions of fellow servants in Christ
- 20. **Phil 1:12-14** Examples of endurance in others encourage us to also maintain courage
- 21. **Phil 2:1-5** We need to have the same attitude and thinking as Christ's
- 22. **Col 1:28-2:2** We proclaim Christ, admonishing every man and teaching every man in order to present everybody complete in Christ

- 23. 1 Thes 2:11-12 Pastors should implore and encourage as a father would to his own child to walk in a manner worthy of God
- 24. **1 Thes 4:13-18** Being encouraged through the faithfulness of God's promises
- 25. 1 Thes 5:11-22 We all are exhorted and commanded to both receive and give the specific encouraging, exhorting, admonishing and commanding with diligence
- 26. **2 Thes 2:13-3:5** The very encouragement and the power necessary to accomplish God's plan for our life come from Him
- 27. **1 Tim 2:1-4** Pray on behalf of all men instead of criticizing them for their failures, especially those in authority
- 28. **1 Tim 6:1-2** We, as workers, are exhorted to adorn our doctrine by rendering all respect and hearty obedience to our bosses
- 29. **2 Tim 4:1-4** Disregard for the solemn charge to mutually exhort would lead us, and others, away from the truth and understanding of the Scriptures
- 30. **Titus 1:9; 2:6-8** Being ourselves rooted and grounded in sound doctrine will enable us to be sound at exhorting others
- 31. **Heb 3:7-15** It is God, in fact, who encourages us through each other's encouragement. This is an effective way of mutually preventing the hardness of the heart in us <u>today</u>
- 32. **Heb 6:13-20** We have a means for strong encouragement in God's purpose, because it is sure and steadfast. We will never be

- disappointed by Him if we endure in truth and faithfulness
- 33. **Heb 10:24-25** How can we encourage one another if we forsake our assembling together?
- 34. **Heb 12:5-14** We are exhorted to endure with patience the suffering due to being disciplined; if we do, it will bear the fruit of peace and righteousness
- 35. **1 P 5:1-12** Maturing believers definitely need to be good examples, maintaining a humble spirit, standing firm in the faith
- 36. **Judas 1:3, 20** We are urged to be clean in the faith, not perverting our way

B) Admonition / Rebuking / Reproof

- 1. Lev 19:17. Ez 3:17-21. Lk 17:3. Mt 18:15-17 Reproof of a neighbor is at times necessary that hatred would not prevail amongst countrymen and brethren.
- 2. **Deut 28:20** Curses and rebukes upon the brethren as a result of insubordination to God and His commandments
- 3. **Neh 5:1-13** The word of the Lord not to exact usury upon the brethren, and the consequences of continuation would result in poverty for all
- 4. **Psa 6:1-3** Appeal to God's mercy through prayer that one might not perish
- 5. **Psa 38:1-6** Loss of countenance and health because of God's indignation
- 6. **Psa 39:10-12** The plague and rebuke of the Lord being upon man, and prayer that the Lord might relent and extend mercy

- 7. **Psa 90:10-12** Living every day for the Lord capitalizing on the time completely that we bear not the anger of the Lord (that we have a heart of wisdom)
- 8. **Psa 141:5** The reproof that comes from those who love us is medicine
- 9. **Prov 1:20-33; 10:17; 12:1; 29:1**Having not a heart fully committed to the Lord and hardening our hearts to His rebuke leads us into destructive foolishness and ultimate judgment
- 10. **Prov 24:24-25** Not standing for the truth but showing partiality and injustice destroys leaders of nations, pastors and ministries (1 Tim 5:20-21)
- 11. **Prov 27:5-6** Not holding in anger that was caused by the offense of a friend
- 12. **Prov 28:23** A rebuke for transgression provides edification rather than the deceitfulness of flattery
- 13. **Ec 7:5-6** The rebuke is better than the song of a fool
- 14. **Prov 30:5-6** We get God's disapproval if our speech goes beyond /does not harmonize with, His Word and Spirit
- 15. **2 Tim 2:15** Pastors are commanded to be accurate in presenting the word
- 16. **Is 66:13-16** The Lord rebukes His people's oppressors
- 17. **Jer 15:15-21** The Lord delivers those who suffer unjust reproach and also delivers those who more fully live their life to His purpose

- 18. **Am 5:10** Those who resist correction hate correction just as those who resist truth hate the truth
- 19. **1 Co 11:30-32** Weakness, sickness and premature death are the result of resisting God's correction and will for our lives
- 20. **Nah 1:4. Lk 8:24** God controls the weather (i.e. our environment)
- 21. **Zec 3:2** Only the Lord can rebuke demons: it is not any angel's prerogative (Jude vv 9-10)
- 22. **Mr 9:25. Lk 4:41** Jesus rebuked unclean spirits
- 23. Mr 3:14-15. Lk 10:1, 17-20 Jesus gave power to the twelve apostles and to other 70 men to cast out demons
- 24. **2** Co 12:12 The spectacular array of miracles was characteristic of the messianic and apostolic era for the specific purpose for the word of God to be recognized (God is still doing miracles today)
 - a) Acts 2:43; 4:30; 5:12; 6:8 Miracles were provided to give the word of God credibility
 - b) Acts 16:16-18
 Satan's participation in the gospel is blasphemous and his only motivation in doing so ultimately is to subvert the truth
 - c) Acts 19:11-20 Only by God's power can genuine exorcism occur
 - d) Heb 2:3-4
 These verses reflect on an outpouring of miracles that happened in the past.
 These miracles give credibility to the word of God then, now and forever (Mt 9:33)

e) <u>2 Thes 2:7</u>

The mystery of lawlessness, though restrained, can influence those who would rather believe an activity of error

f) 2 Co 11:12-15

Deceitful workers boast about having many things that indeed pertain to true apostles

g) 1 Co 11:30-32

The Lord does not always heal His children right after a prayer if the illness itself is the means to progress the person's spiritual health

h) 2 Tim 4:20

Paul informs the brethren of a companion he had left sick

i) <u>Ja 5:14-16</u>

Confession of sins and prayer are necessary for a child of God to be healed

j) Ec 12:5-7

Yet all men are to die, excluding those who are part of the rapture generation (1Thes 4:13-17)

- 25. The passage of **Mark 16:9-20** is absent from important early manuscripts. Either it ended at <u>16:8</u> or its original ending has been lost.
- 26. **2 Co 12:7-9** The apostle Paul was powerless to release himself from the power of a demon
- 27. **Jude vv 8-10** No man nor angel has the prerogative to rebuke Satan: that belongs to the Lord

- 28. **Lk 9:54-56** Jesus rebuked those eager to destruct others (malice)
- 29. **Mr 8:32-33** Sometimes there is a need to rebuke somebody who is rebuking
- 30. **Mt 20:29-31** The multitude's rebuke was unjustified
- 31. **Lk 19:39-40** Here we see an example where there is the suggestion to rebuke others. In this case we see that to follow through with that suggestion would be entering into blasphemy
- 32. **2** Co **2:6-11** Encouragement to provide comfort and consolation for the person after he/she has been rebuked
- 33. **1 Tim 5:1** Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but appeal to him as a father
- 34. **Titus 1:10-13** Rebuking sharply those persons involved in evil and rebellious behavior is sometimes necessary for their own sake and the sake of others' spiritual wellbeing
- 35. **1 Tim 5:20** There is a time when public rebuke is necessary
- 36. **2 Tim 4:1-4** Rebuking congregations because of their loss of love and interest in sound doctrine is God's last recourse that will enable those involved to recover from their apostasy
- 37. **Heb 12:5** Encouragement not to faint or shrink back from God when we are reproved by Him
- 38. **2 P 2:16** Rebuke to restrain foolishness
- 39. Rev 3:19-20 The Lord reproves His children