



6.28.2020 Pulpit Curriculum – Holy Agitation ([Hebrews 10:24-25](#)) - Building Faith enthusiastically embraces our calling as faith catalysts.

God's commands give us clear purpose and call us into His work. By obeying, we please Him and make a difference in the world and for His kingdom. Last week's commands (in [Hebrews 10:19-23](#)) were to draw near with a true heart and hold fast to our confession. This week's is to (carefully) consider how to stir up (or provoke) one another to love and good deeds.

What is my God-given purpose?

1) The Christian Catalyst, v.24 Too often, we wait for evil to act, then we react. We seize the initiative when we carefully, prayerfully, actively **consider** – not only how to do good deeds, but to powerfully encourage others to do the same. "How can we (and our brothers and sisters) best make disciples, honor God, and serve the Kingdom? How can we pray for one another and our labor?"¹

Why do we provoke one another to love and good deeds?

- 1) It is like Jesus. 2) It is good for the provoker. 3) It is good for the provoked.
- 4) Because we are commanded to do so (not only in Hebrews, but in [Matthew 28:19-20](#); provoking one another to love and good deeds is part of disciple-making).

Examples of "stirring:" [Hebrews 10 and 11](#); any New Testament epistle (especially after "therefore"); the conversations we had before and after church services; the conversations we have in lifegroups.

Who should I consider in order to stir up? Pick 3 (family, life group, church)

How should I stir them up to love and good deeds?

2) Our Need for Connection, v.25 To provoke each other, we must meet. The *scheduled* times for that (though not the only opportunities) are church and especially lifegroup. God willing, may we meet in person soon, and let us take advantage of the opportunities and methods we have to meet now!

3) All Things to All Men, v.25, [1 Corinthians 9:19-23](#) The word for encourage is *parakaleo*, to come alongside of. To do this, we must know each other's needs and serve each other in love, in direct opposition to our selfish flesh. The Bible instructs us to support, encourage, rebuke, and teach one another – to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep². [We are the body of Christ \(1 Corinthians 12:27\)](#), and [God has entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation \(2 Corinthians 5:17-20\)](#). [Christ was the light of the world while He was physically on Earth \(John 9:5\)](#), and now [we are that light \(Matthew 5:14-16\)](#) on His behalf.

4) A Great Motivation: As the Day Draws Near, v.25, [1 Thessalonians 4:16-18](#)

Every hour that passes is an hour closer to Christ's return. We must work now, so we won't miss any opportunities to share in the victory of the kingdom. [John 4:35](#), [John 9:4](#), [Galatians 6:9-10](#)

¹ Paul's requests for prayer: [Rom. 15:30-32](#); [2 Cor. 1:10-11](#); [Eph. 6:19-20](#); [Col. 4:2-4](#); [2 Thess. 3:2](#)
The early church praying for believers and their ministry: [Acts 12:5](#); [13:1-3](#); [14:23](#); [20:36](#); [21:5](#)

² [John 13:34-35](#), [Romans 12:15-18](#), [Galatians 6:1-2](#), [Ephesians 5:19](#), [Colossians 3:16](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:11-15](#), [1 Timothy 5:1-2](#), [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#), [2 Timothy 4:2](#), [James 5:16](#), [1 Peter 4:8-10](#)