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Your spiritual growth isn't just about you—it affects your entire church. Consider this: What would your church be like if everyone in it was as hungry for God's Word as you are? I'm not saying we must all be spiritual giants, but we should all be growing and increasing in our knowledge and love for Christ, as well as in our love for each other.

One of our responsibilities as members of Christ's body is to edify each other in the faith. Sometimes we think this is just the role of those in ministry and assume the rest of us can sit back and take it easy. But today's passage clearly says to "let the word of Christ richly dwell" in us so we can teach and admonish one another with wisdom (Col. 3:16).

Opinions and advice are often casually dished out without much thought, but as believers, we're called to give wise counsel based on God's Word. There is no other source that's as sound, because Scripture alone is absolute truth. Building others up could simply be a matter of pointing out a passage that speaks to an issue they are facing, or it could involve admonishing or warning against an action or attitude the Bible condemns.

To some people, this kind of care for one another may seem unwanted or intrusive, but it's actually an act of obedience to the Lord. It demonstrates our love for others and our desire to see them become the people that the Lord designed them to be—believers who accomplish what He's called them to do. And if we are on the receiving end of such care, it helps us develop a humble, teachable attitude.

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