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-other translations; *provoke; stir up;* stimulate.

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Purpose of the Church

The increase of the love of God and neighbor. -Richard Niebuhr

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Luke 20:23 [Jesus]

"S<u>aw through</u> their duplicity" -NIV <u>Detected</u> their trickery" -NAS "<u>Perceived</u> their craftiness" -RSV

1. Consider

"And let us <u>consider one another</u> to provoke unto love and good works. -KJ & ASV If we are to <u>love</u> our neighbors... before doing anything else, we must <u>see</u> our neighbors

Fredrick Buechner

"the first way to love someone is to be intrigued by them."

-Tish Harrison Warren. (Her mentor)

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... not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,

3 John 14

"I hope to see you soon and we will talk face to face"

1 Corinthians 12:21-27

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

1 Corinthians12:21-27

²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,

²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment.

1 Corinthians12:21-27

²⁴ But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other

1 Corinthians12:21-27

²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

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vs 25..... not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Proverbs 12:25, 15:23

"Anxiety weights down the human heart, but a good word cheers it up."

"To make an apt answer is a joy to anyone, and a word in season, how good it is!" NRSV

Hebrews 3:12,13

¹²See to it brothers and sisters that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God ¹³But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today so that none of you may be hardened b sin's deceitfulness

Shouldn't the church be the most encouraging place in the world?

Honk if you love Jesus!