

- I. Our *_approach_* to others depends on their *_attitude_*
- Matt 18:35; 24:43-47;
John 16:33
- A. Our *_response_* is not merely to *_externals_*
- Acts 16:25; II Sam 12:15-23
- B. The Lord *_commands_* four *_responses_* to four *_spiritual_* states:
1. *_Admonish_* the unruly
 2. *_Encourage_* the faint-hearted
 3. *_Help_* the weak
 4. *_Be_ _patient_* with all men
- I Thess 5:12; I Cor 4:14;
Acts 20:31; II Thess 3:15;
Neh 9:26, 29, 30, 34;
Col 1:28; 3:16; Rom 15:14;
I Cor 4:7-14, 18-20;
I Thess 2:10-12; John 11:31;
Rom 12:15; Job 2:11-13;
Acts 27:32-37; Rom 15:4;
Philemon 1:7; Rom 15:1-2;
Luke 10:29ff; II Pet 3:9, 15;
Rom 2:4; I Cor 13:4;
Gal 5:22
- II. *_Discernment_* identifies a person's *_spiritual_* need
- A. Our *_inside_* can be *_disguised_*
- Prov 26:13, 24;
Matt 25:24-27; 22:15-18;
John 20:24-28;
*Acts 8:14-24; Luke 12:13-15
- B. When we *_discern_* the *_inside_*, we can meet the real *_need_*
- I Cor 4:9-10, 15-20;
I Thess 4:1-7
- III. We all *_fall_* into these *_spiritual_* situations sometimes
- A. We all need *_patience_*
- Eph 4:1-3
- B. Every believer can become *_weakened_*
- C. Sometimes even the *_strong_* can be *_faint-hearted_*
- II Cor 1:8
- D. Sometimes we can be *_unruly_*
- IV. It's the *_body's_* job to *_restore_* each member
- Gal 6:2; Col 1:28; 3:12-17

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Pastor Dave Bechtel

November 5, 2006

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8. Have you personally been in one of the spiritual conditions listed? Care to share the specifics? Did anyone obey these commands and meet your need at that time? Are you in one of the first three conditions now?
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