

to warn everyone. You don't think of Paul/^{as}night and day coming to people warning them simply of the wrath of God. That was doubtless a part of it, but the Greek work noutheteo means "to place in the mind". It means to put something into your mind. It is translated a number of times "warn"; it is also translated "admonish" a number of times. In Col. 1:28 Paul says, Christ whom we preach warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom." He was not merely presenting ideas. He was trying to put them into the mind. He was trying to get them into the hearts. He was trying to get them there in a way that would be effective.

In Col. 3:16 he brings out that this is the duty of the Christians, not merely of the leaders. He says, Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another. That is the same word as translated "warn" before. Admonishing one another. It is the duty of every Christian then to get into the mind of other Christians those facts, those ideas, those attitudes which God wishes to be there. A. T. Robertson, the great Greek scholar ~~say~~ said: "~~Putting~~ Putting sense into the heads of people is a thankless but a necessary task." How ~~easy~~ it is for us in our personal conversation and in our personal contacts, in our working together to ~~have~~ our conversation be on a superficial basis. Or to have it be simply on matters of mutual general interest. But Paul said, We should be admonishing one another. We should be warning one another. We should help others when we are by -- helping ~~prepare~~ prepare them for future contingencies when they are not immediately directly involved in them. ~~Someone falls into sin.~~ Someone faces a temptation and does not know how to meet it. Someone gets into a situation where he feels someone else has mistreated him and resentment grows up in his heart. And you try to help him and you find it a difficult task, because the particular situation so arouses his emotions and his feelings that it is hard for him to think quietly and easily about it. And you present one idea and he jumps to another. He jumps from one excuse to another, one attitude to another. We all tend to do it when our emotions are aroused. And so Paul wishes us not simply to help people when they are