

**360° Study of  
νουθετέω  
noutheteo**

1 Corinthians 4:14–16 (NIV) I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. 15 Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

Colossians 3:16 (NIV) Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Acts 20:31 (NIV) So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

2 Thessalonians 3:14–15 (NIV) Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed. 15 Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer.

Admonishment is steeped in the **Word** of God and differentiated from teaching

Admonishment is intense, even **tear-filled** in our spiritual battle against **destructive** forces

Admonishment sets a discipler apart as more of a **father** than as a tutor/guardian. Again notice the chain of **discipleship** via imitation

Admonishment **disciplines sternly** and clearly

Romans 15:14 (NIV) I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:12–14 (NIV) Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

**Receive** admonishment and **offer** admonishment; notice its differentiation from exhort, encourage, help, and be patient. Admonishment is **hard work** because it's not easy to intercede with the idle and **disruptive**.

**You can do this!**

Admonishment is again integral for discipling one toward **maturity** - with **agonizing** effort that requires the power of Christ

Colossians 1:28–29 (NIV) He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Although Samuel **rebuked** his sons, he did not admonish them

1 Samuel 2:22–25 (NIV) Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. 23 So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. 24 No, my sons; the report I hear spreading among the Lord's people is not good. 25 If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the Lord, who will intercede for them?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the Lord's will to put them to death.

1 Samuel 3:13 (NIV) For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. (see 1Sam 2:22-25) - used in the **LXX**

**TDNT Definition**  
νουθετέω (νοῦν τίθημι, sc. in the heart, mind, "to impart understanding (a mind for something)," "to set right," "to have a corrective influence on someone," with double acc. "to lay on the heart of someone." νουθετεῖν can mean "to impart understanding," "to teach" but it is not a direct synonym of διδάσκειν though often linked with it