**Admonished to be Admonishing**

**Heb.3:13**

Cyclical Deductive Outline Manuscript

**Topic:** Admonition

**Subject:** Thereason that Christians should admonish one other daily and now

**Complement:** was to keep them sensitive to God and sins.

**Purpose:**  To let brothers and sisters admonish one another and be sensitive to God and sins.

**Introduction**

1. [Unteachability ruins a person]

a. There used to be a boy who shepherd a herd of sheep on a hill, one day he found it was super boring to only shepherd the sheep, he wanted to look for some fun. Suddenly, he came across something and began to shout loudly,’ the wolves are coming…come and help me….’.

Hearing the cry, the farmers working around hurriedly came to help him, carrying clubs and sickles only to find it’s a lie. They were so indignant that they wanted to beat him. But they tried to understand this little boy’s naughtiness and taught him not to do that anymore, but to be an honest boy who was considerate.

After this interesting experience, the boy was amused so much so that he wanted to make fun of them. Again, he burst out shouting, ‘ the wolves are coming, they are eating my sheep and attempting to kill me… help… help….’. Like before, the farmers dropped the work and ran to help him, only to find the boy laughing at them desperately. Being so much irritated and disappointed at the boy, they swore they wouldn’t help him anymore no matter what.

Finally, the wolves came, this time, the boy truly shouted for help, no matter how he cried, exclaimed, or even screamed, no one came. They were fed up with his unteachability and selfishness. Not only the sheep were devoured, the boy was consumed as well.

Admittedly, this boy’s wayward behaviour was very improper. In the meantime, he failed to understand others’ care for him and took it for granted. Thus, his heart became blunt and insensitive to the kindness. More or less, we are like him, we all have our own unteachabilities.

b. We all know Washington and his story, when he cut the tree, he was bold to admit it and to accept the discipline. His father was very wise as he didn't punish him but forgave him and taught him the lesson of being honest.

His father valued teachability more than worldly values, which was also of great importance in Washington’s life. From this lesson did he learn quite a lot, even in his following life, his teachable heart had granted him so much wisdom that he became a role model for us.

Thus, we much allow both teaching ability and teachability an important place in our life.

2. I bet none of you want to be consumed be wolves right, otherwise raise your hands. Good. All of us want to be as good as Washington right. Then we need bear a teachable heart as well as a teaching heart to admonish others. Be admonished to be admonishing.

a. Thus we think it’s high time for us to practice admonishing one another. Since this world is full of sins, we all want to run from the traps of sins. Then we need to admonish others and be admonished.

b. We can be biased and have planks in our eyes, thus we may need admonitions so as to keep a clear mind and be sensible enough to discern the planks and penetrate the biases.

c. We all want a solid bond with our brothers and sisters, one way to achieve this is to love others via admonishing them and warning them of the sins. Be accountable to others.

3.How can we admonish people? How do we run from spiritual insensitivity and sins?

4. Today we are going to dive into the book of Hebrews, at that time, the Christians were suffering from persecutions and property confiscations, the author wrote this epistle to encourage them to stand faithful.

5. We are going study His words in the book of Hebrews 3:13. God gives us Hebrews 3:13 to teach us how to admonish and avoid deceptions of sins. The verse 3:13 in Hebrews tells us…

1. **Admonishment should be conducted now and daily. .(3:13a-13b)**
   1. Brothers and sisters should admonish one another daily (3:13a)

1. Admonition should be done constantly, to exert impetus and generate effects.

a. The author wants brothers and sisters to constantly admonish one another so as to be sanctified. Since we live in this sinful world, we must constantly remind one another of the sins and disadvantages of ourselves, then we can be transformed everyday.

2. Just like everyday we need to brush our teeth or take a shower, does anyone think it’s unnecessary to brush your teeth or take a shower everyday? Imagine you just came back from the stadium, sweating all over, then directly you go to bed and sleep, then your bed will become a bacteria factory, manufacturing numerous bacterias efficiently.

a. When you are ill, you can’t take one day dosage medication, other than that, you need to continually take medicine until one day you totally recover. If you stop taking medication one day, you may ruin all the previous accomplishments and start over again.

b. People’s memory may not be good as well, thus we need to be constantly reminded so as to improve. Does anyone of you manage to remind all the Greek words in one class? No, we need constant practice, so does our spiritual life. We need constant admonition and correction, then we can bear in our mind our disadvantages and our admonition would truly affect.

B.From now on brothers and sisters should admonish one another.(3:13b)

1. Start doing it now as people may delay doing good things.

a.The author asks us to admonish one another from now on, without any delay. The sanctification process should start from now on. To initiate it, the admonition should also be done now, the sooner the better and faster the process goes.

2.If we have a habit of doing things tomorrow, we can never accomplish anything.

a.Delaying is a bad habit, also it is not easy to admonish others as people may not be that teachable, thus we may be reluctant to admonish others. Then you can never truly put into effect your admonishments.

b.The society is growing more and more chaotic, more and more issues are coming up: LGBT, Liberal theology, Heretical teachings, secularisation of the churches and so forth. People’s value system is under severe challenging, especially for the Christian values. If we fail to correct the distortions, many of us will be affected and lean towards values of the world. For us the need of admonishing people is urgent as well.

(We have been admonished by God and brothers and sisters, so we can stand firm in Him and still be a Christian now. Then we need to know the urgent need of admonishing one another. So far, we should keep in our minds: the way to admonish one another is to do it now, and to do it daily.)

**II. By admonishing one another, we can avoid being insensitive to God and being cheated by sins.(13c-13d)**

A. We should admonish one another so as to prevent ourselves from being insensitive to God. (3:13c)

1.The result of admonishing one another is preventing one another from being blunt to God. By being admonished, we can be sensitive to God so as to admonish others and help them.

2. No one is able to see what is on his face, unless others tell you so. That’s why sometimes prank is so funny because you don’t know what’s happening to you while others are very clear. Maybe there’s a lizard on your back, or there’s a kernel of rice on your nose. Maybe you forget to close your zipper or button your shirt while delivering a speech.

a. Remember the story ‘the emperor’s new clothes’, maybe we are as arrogant and ignorant as the emperor, not until one day an honest little brother tells you the truth, do we finally realize that we are naked in front of the public. We have our blindness and insensitiveness, and we need admonishments.

B. We should admonish one another so as to prevent ourselves from being cheated by sins. (3:13d)

1. We live in a sinful world, it’s impossible to avoid the intrusion of sins in our lives. Many times we may judge in the name of righteous rage, we may attack people in the name of rebuking, we may like the one who see the speck in my brother’s eyes and neglect the plank in my own eyes. That’s why Paul writes Corinthians to admonish people.

(We need to be admonished so as to be wise enough to admonish others, be admonished to be admonishing. )

**Conclusion:**

* 1. Christians should admonish one another now and daily to be sensitive to God and sins. (MI)
  2. By admonishing one another now and daily, we can be sensitive to God and sins.(Restate MI.)
  3. Application: Bear a teachable heart to receive admonishments, be ready to correct ourselves by following others’ advice, and be mindful of others, offer admonishments or reminders to others when necessary. To be admonished and being admonishing are equally significant.