

RESPECT THE EXHORTATION FROM CHURCH MEMBERS AS THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, ⁹where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.”

(Heb. 3:7-9)

Christianity is not a religion as many people think. It is real life; the life of Christ imparted to believers. The Bible says that *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)* Eternal life is the life of God imparted to the believer’s spirit. It is the nature of God. God has also put His Spirit in us to seal our sonship: *“Because you are God’s children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into us to call out, “Abba! Father!” (Gal 4:6)*

By this nature we are made to share in the family of God. We must therefore relate as family and do good to one another: *“Whenever we have the opportunity, we have to do what is good for everyone, especially for the family of believers.” (Gal 6:10 GW)*

One of the salient good things we can do to each other is to allow the voice of the Holy Spirit to speak through us in order to exhort one another. Anytime you call a brother or sister to exhort with scriptures it is not just you but the Holy Spirit’s voice speaking through you. Our key scripture says that, “⁷ ... “Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, ⁹where your fathers put me to the test

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The Holy Spirit is a Person. He has all the faculties of a person. He speaks through people. If a believer speaks to you to exhort you see it as the Holy Spirit speaking to you. Do not rebel, otherwise you will be behaving in the same way the Israelites did in the wilderness and were overthrown and did not see God’s rest.

*“¹¹As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’”¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³**But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,”** that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.” (Heb. 3:11-13)*

If you refuse the exhortation of believers you are not likely to enter your rest in destiny. So take care. Everyday is a day of exhortation from the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER & CONFESSION

I will not harden my heart when any believers exhort me. Lord, I receive the voice of your Spirit.