

YOU NEED TO CONNECT WITH OTHER BELIEVERS FOR DAILY EXHORTATION

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(Heb. 3:13)

God is wonderful. He has diverse ways of managing the earth. He has put people in all continents with diverse kinds of natural gifts and talents so that each nation will definitely need other nations for development. Some nations possess oil which they can trade in for food while others possess gold that they can trade in for other commodities their citizenry may need. We live in a world of interdependence. The survival of the world depends largely on reasonable and fair cooperation so that one particular nation or continent is not cheated. Then the world becomes a beautiful family that cares for one another. It is one of the wonders of God. He uses natural things to teach us of how our spiritual lives should be. The church is called the Body of Christ. Every local church needs other churches to make progress. They must learn to cooperate through joint programs of evangelism, worship, and other spiritually and socially driven programs. Every local church is also called the local body of Christ with many members possessing different kinds of gifts and talents. Each member is blessed with the capacity to bless other members:

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." (1Cor. 12:12) Whatever gift you possess is for the building of other members of the

body. You must use them to bless the church. Somebody's spiritual growth and prosperity depends on your contribution. *"⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith" (Rom 12:5-6)* One of the common abilities given to everybody is the ability to encourage or edify others. As for this, everyone has it. That is why the Bible admonishes us to encourage one another daily: *"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. 3:13)

Each new day in your life is called today. Once today arrives you must look for someone to exhort while you must also submit or humble yourself for others to exhort you. This is how we grow spiritually; one hand washing the other and vice versa. That is why in the early church, apart from meeting in the temple they met daily in homes so they could fulfil this spiritual principle. *"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes..." (Acts 2:46)*

PRAYER & CONFESSION

I will humble myself to other believers' exhortation.