

WHY WE NEED DAILY EXHORTATION

"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)

Sin may look desirable but in the end it kills. Today, sin comes in many shades and colours and if you are not careful and sensitive to the Holy Spirit and God's word you may fall into any of them unknowingly. That is why God in His infinite wisdom says that *"but exhort one another everyday as long as it is called today that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."*

Indeed, sin can harden people's heart. There are so many people who say they are believers but the kinds of shameful things they do in secret, only God can tell. I chanced on some brothers who woo ladies with the aim of marrying them and later break up with them. I interrogated the ladies about any sexual misconduct with them and they all answered in the positive. This is their life. I wonder whether they are even born again. As for the ladies, by reason of their role in the church ministries I never expected that they could yield easily to that but they did, in desperation for marriage, fearing they would lose them.

We should not forget that our first parents were deceived by the devil. We must not also forget that deception is the main tool of Satan. He concocts many forms of deception to believers so that they would be lured and go to hell. The scriptures refer to him as the deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9) and Jesus called him a

liar. (John 8:44) Because of this we need each other in the journey of life. That is why attending church service is important. Apart from worship you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit speak through the preachers and teachers of the word of God. Then we have the opportunity to meet other believers again for encouragement. Seeing the Christian family everyday is a great encouragement to me and others.

One of the easiest ways to grow and become a strong believer is when you take it upon yourself to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through you to build others up. Look for younger believers you can daily call and encourage. *"For when for the time you ought to be teachers ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God..." (Heb. 5:12)*

Graduate your Christian growth level by teaching and exhorting others daily. Note it: it is daily. When you have your daily devotion, you can share it with someone you are trying to help spiritually or anyone you are led to. The Holy Spirit will use you to save him from sin.

PRAYER & CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, use me to exhort the church family daily in Jesus' name. Amen!