

JESUS' HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-21

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like precious oil on the head running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! Psalm 133

¹⁷ I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. ¹⁸ For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. ¹⁹ For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Romans 16:17-20 ESV

WATCH OUT FOR DIVISIVE PEOPLE. AVOID THEM!

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Σκοπέω : to watch out, scrutinise, mark

¹⁷ ...Keep a sharp eye out for those who take bits and pieces of the teaching that you learned and then use them to make trouble. Give these people a wide berth. MESSAGE

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“The expression (“their own appetites”) is used ‘in the sense of serving oneself, of being the willing slave of one’s egotism.’ These people have no love for Christ, and no wish to be his willing slaves. Instead they are ‘utterly self-centered’, and also have a baneful (destructive) effect on the gullible. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the mind of naive people. Better, ‘they seduce the minds of simple people with smooth and specious (deceptive) words.’”

Rev Dr John Stott [The Bible Speaks Today]

BE WISE DOING GOOD. REFRAIN FROM EVIL!

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And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” 1 Samuel 24:4

A Blessed Seniors Sunday!

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor 4:16-8 NIV

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Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. Isaiah 46:3-4

**KEEP OUR UNITY.
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