

Hebrews 3:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Analysis

'Exhort one another daily' establishes the necessity of mutual encouragement in the Christian community. 'Today' (repeated from Psalm 95:7) emphasizes urgency—the present opportunity for repentance and faith. 'Deceitfulness of sin' (Greek 'apate tes hamartias') shows sin's deceptive nature, promising pleasure but delivering hardness. Hardening is progressive, making daily exhortation essential.

Historical Context

The communal nature of faith contrasts with modern individualism. First-century churches met daily (Acts 2:46), facilitating this mutual care and accountability.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. Who in your Christian community needs your exhortation and encouragement today?
2. How have you experienced sin's deceitfulness, and how do you guard against it?

Interlinear Text

ἀλλὰ παρακαλεῖτε ἔαυτοὺς καθ' ἐκάστην ἡμέραν ἄχρις

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Additional Cross-References

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (Parallel theme): Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

2 Timothy 4:2 (Parallel theme): Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Romans 7:11 (Sin): For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

Ephesians 4:22 (Parallel theme): That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

1 Thessalonians 4:18 (Parallel theme): Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

James 1:14 (Parallel theme): But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Proverbs 28:26 (Parallel theme): He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Obadiah 1:3 (Parallel theme): The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

Acts 11:23 (Parallel theme): Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

Isaiah 44:20 (Parallel theme): He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?