

Commands & Cautions to Survive & Flourish - Heb 12:14-17

A. Pursue - v. 14

“Pursue” -

1. Peace with a ___ people - (See also- Rom 12:18)

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Instructions on how to pursue peace and honor Christ in responding to differences and offenses:

- O _____ an offense - 1Pe 4:8; Pro 17:9
- F _____ - Luk 17:4
- S _____ the truth in l _____, f _____ to face; take with you one or two m _____: t _____ it to the church - Mat 18:15 & 16

2. Holiness, without which no one will see the Lord

“Holiness” - (Hagiasmos, hag-ee-as-mos') - s _____

B. Look Carefully lest.... - v. 15-17

Look diligently, b _____ - I Pt 5:2:

1. lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; - v. 15a

What does it mean to fall short of the grace of God?

2. lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; - v. 15b

What is a root of bitterness? Deu 29:18-20:

3. lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, - v. 16-17

a) “fornicator” - Mat 19:4-6:

b) “profane person” - a g _____, unholy person, - v. 16b - 17

i. A _____ of his godlessness... for one morsel of food sold his birthright. - 16b:

ii. C _____ of his godlessness - he was rejected, - v. 17a

iii. C _____ of his godlessness - for he found no place for r _____, though he sought it diligently with tears. - v. 17b Ps 51:4

Two Interpretations:

- No reversal or repentance of the b _____
- No r _____ found in the heart of the profane man Mat 4:17

Diligence and tears can n _____ replace repentance.

Three cautions that could injure and destroy:

- falling short of the grace of God (coming too late and missing s _____) because of troublesome and unholy living among G _____ people
- defilement or contamination of m _____ because of the poison root of bitterness of unbiblical doctrine of God;
- blindness to r _____ and thereby be saved because of fornication and godlessness;

These Scriptures are not calling us to:

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