

The Welfare of One Another in Hebrews

"Peace' is to be actively pursued because this gift of Christ is given visibility in the solidarity of the community. It also is exhibited in the solidarity of responsibility for the welfare of one another.

William L. Lane, commenting on Hebrews 12:14¹

Hebrews 3:12-13

¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be **in any one of you** an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 4:1

4 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, **any one of you** may seem to have come short of it.

Hebrews 4:11

¹¹ Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that **no one will fall**, through *following* the same example of disobedience.

Hebrews 6:9-11

⁹ But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. ¹¹ And we desire that **each one of you** show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,

Hebrews 10:25-29

²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

²⁶ For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ **Anyone who has set aside** the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*. ²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think **he will deserve who has trampled under foot** the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 12:7

⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for **what son** is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

Hebrews 12:14-16

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that **no one comes short** of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; ¹⁶ that *there be* **no immoral or godless person** like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a *single* meal.

¹ William L. Lane, *Hebrews 9-13*, Word Biblical Commentary (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1991), 449-450.
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