

## Daily Devotional, June 30, 2020

### “Consider One Another”, (Hebrews 10:24, NKJV)

*“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works”* (Hebrews 10:24)

It is all too common, even in the church, to consider one another negatively. Before making our point here, let us speak with regard to the sin of negative consideration, or fault finding. We read in the record concerning the patriarch (Job) that Satan considers the saints of God with a view to blaspheming God and destroying their testimony (Job 1:8). The Christian responds with revulsion (extremely strong disgust) to the idea of selling his or her soul to the devil. Why then do so many who profess the Name of Christ Jesus volunteer in his service by incessantly finding faults in the people of God and His church? To be sure, we do not compromise with regard to calling sin what it is—sin. But we must not go out of our way to impute sin back upon those for whom Christ Jesus died! We are enjoined in our text to make a careful and thorough investigation of one another for a positive purpose: *“in order to stir up love and good works.”* We cannot begin to do so without considering Christ Jesus first and His example, for He Himself said: *“For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you”* (John 13:15). *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 2:5). He put on the cloak of humility, for *“the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve”* (Matthew 20:28). Christians should both in heart and in action be continually *“bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do”* (Colossians 3:13). We consider one another in putting our spiritual gifts and natural gifts spiritually applied to use for the benefit of others, not expecting anything in return (1 Corinthians 12-14). The primary context in which we can use the gifts that God has given us to benefit others is the local church (Hebrews 10:25). *“Consider one another.”* The common lot of man is rejoicing and weeping, and usually much more of the latter. Therefore, *“rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep”* (Romans 12:15). In doing so, consider one another for the purpose of encouraging them to consider Christ, who will never abandon any of His children in the hour of need. Even as you yourself consider the same.