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| 1 | **A Call To Action… *“Let Us…”***  ***Hebrews 4:11-16*** |
| 2 | **Why Use *“Let Us”*?**  These statements **represent more than suggestions**, they are imperative commands. Actions we are **responsible for doing which left undone are sinful**. (James 4:17)  The words ***“Let us”*** are simply added by the translators to **imperative commands** to **emphasize the scope of responsibility**.  For example, in the original language, Hebrews 4:1 actually reads, **“Fear therefore…”** & Hebrews 4:11 reads **“labor therefore”.** |
| 3 | **Why Use *“Let Us”*?**  **“Let us…”** is to be understood by each of us as  **“I must…”**  **Individually yet collectively**.  There is to be unity in these actions. |
| 4 | **Why Use *“Let Us”*?**  **In the book of Hebrews, these “Let us” statements address our relationships with three different things:**   1. **Each other - our fellow brethren.** 2. **Our relationship to our goal of heaven.** 3. **Our relationship to our heavenly Father and our Lord & Savior.** |
| 5 | ***“Let Us” What*?**  **Addressed by Hebrews 10:24, *“Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.”***  ***“Consider”…* being** **“continually attentive” to one another.** (James 1:23-24; Hebrews 3:1)  **“*Regard one another more important*…”** (Philippians 2:3-5; 4:8; Romans 12:3-13)  A **continual process**. (Hebrews 3:12-13) |
| 6 | ***“Let Us” What*?**  **“*Stimulate*” or “*provoke*”; incite to do good**, **sharpen**, **stir up**.(What is required in this? Proverbs 27:17; 2 Peter 1:12-15; Zechariah 1:12; 1 Thess. 4:1; 5:11, 14; Hebrews 12:12-13)  **With what**? Entertainment, recreation, social interaction? (Romans 14:16-19)  God’s word and His truth! (Acts 20:32; cf., 9:26-31) |
| 7 | ***“Let Us” What*?**  **Addressed by Hebrews 10:24, *“Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.”***  ***“To love and good deeds”*** - not aggravation or irritation! But to an **active love**. **Love in practicality and not theory**. (1 John 3:18; 1 Timothy 6:18; Galatians 6:9, “let us…”) |
| 8 | ***“Stimulate to love and good deeds”***  Lessons from Paul to Titus to Christians re: **the need to**:   1. ***“Be zealous”*** because of our salvation in Christ. (Titus 2:14) 2. ***“Be ready”*** to serve. (Titus 3:1) 3. ***“Be careful”*** to engage in such work. (Titus 3:8) 4. ***“Learn”*** to meet “*pressing needs*”. (Titus 3:14) |
| 9 | **How? Doing what?**  Hebrews 10:25, ***“Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another all the more, as you see the day drawing near.”***  We are to “***consider to provoke unto love and good works”*** in our assembling together.  Many souls in many churches are just withering away due to neglect and isolation… **we can’t let that happen**.  “***Assembling together***” is a self-less act that gives more back to us that any act of self-gratification. (1 Thessalonians 2:8) |
| 10 | **Consider The Judgement**  **All are to have an expectation of judgment**… should it be “***terrifying***”? (Hebrews 10:26-31)  Rather, **it should be a day of anticipation and longing**.  (1 John 2:28-29; 4:16-19)  **We need to use God’s patience to address our sin** so we can be confident. (2 Peter 3:11-15)  **Are you persuaded?** (2 Corinthians 5:10-11) Have you become the “***new creature***” you ought to be? (2 Cor. 5:17-19) |