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WORD WITH SHARAD AND PREMA

BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT



“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (I Peter 5:8).

“26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. 27. Neither give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:26-27).

How important it is for a born again, Spirit-filled child of God to do the Word of God! Many a times, most of us are fall a prey to the tricks of the devil and we do not give heed to our actions and reactions and in turn cause a great havoc that leads total destruction. We need to always remember that the enemy of our soul the devil is very subtle. The Word of God always encourages us to do the Word.

I am always reminded about Absalom, the son of King David. In his anger he took a step that caused destruction. Unsatisfied souls fall always prey to the enemy's tricks and they take everything into their hand when they fail to give everything into the Hand of God to deal with. God says, “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay saith the Lord” (Romans 12:19).

We read the revolt of Absalom in the II Samuel chapter 15 and 16. The great dangerous thing Absalom did that he took the help of another unsatisfied soul, Ahithophel, who once was a wonderful counselor of David. He turned against David for some reason and joined Absalom and gave a very dirty counsel: “20. Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, give counsel among you what we shall do. 21. And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong” (II Samuel 16:20-21).

I am so surprised to see that matured, excellent, great counselor like Ahithophel, who once was so faithful to King David turned against him and joined hand with his son Absalom to take revenge of David. Of course, Absalom gained sympathy of others, even of Ahithophel who with Absalom conspired against David.

It is sad to know that the same trick is being played by unsatisfied souls in the body of Christ against the leader. They gain the sympathy of others by gossiping and tale bearings. And others who seem to be matured people like Ahithophel fall prey to their tricks and join hand with them and support them to cause total destruction of God's work. And I have personally experienced this kind of hear-aching, destructive behavior of so-called men of God. This is really disgusting! It is very painful to know the result of Absalom for his rebellion against his father King David!

It is high time for us to check our hearts in the light of the Word of God and see whether we are slightly tending towards this kind of behavior and get back to the Word of God with repentant heart and be a blessing to the work of God and not to become channel of destruction of God's work. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (I Peter 5:8).

May our Good God continue to bless you, your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

PRAY:

More cases of so-called virus are increasing. Pray for to stop the virus.
Continue to pray for the local Pastors who are suffering at this time.
Continue to pray for the believers, they are finding hard to get the jobs.
Pray for the continuation of smooth distribution of the Grocery Packs