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Pursuing Full Assurance

Hebrews 6:9-12

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will consider the pursuit of full assurance as genuine Christians.

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

First v.9 – Speaking truth in Love

Second v.10 – Working in Love

Third v.11-12 – Love pursues Full Assurance

FIRST: Speaking truth in love

- a. *'beloved'* term of endearment.
- b. *'...better thing of you'* – in contrast to those described in vv.1-2
- c. *'...though we thus speak'* –why speak it at all?

Prov.27:6 “Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”

Eph.4:15 “But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

v.9 Application: Importantly involved in pursuing Full Assurance of the Hope until the end (v.11) is:

1. Purposeful Positioning

Prov.13:20 “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

2. Prayerful Preparation

Heb.12:11 “All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

3. Practical Appreciation

Prov.17:17 “A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

SECOND: Working in Love

'your work and labour of love'

Titus 3:4-5 "...the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Eph.2:8-10 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. **For we are his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Heb. 13:20-21 "Now the God of peace...Make you perfect (*mature*) in **every good work** to do his will, **working in you** that which is wellpleasing in his sight..."

PROPER INTEPRETATION: Inward conversion = Outward works

APPLICATION: By God's grace you work and in so doing you organically grow unto full assurance.

THIRDLY: Love pursues Full Assurance

1. 'We desire' – pastoral concern for their perseverance in the faith
2. 'Every one of you' – no exceptions and/or favoritism
3. '...show the same diligence' 'be not slothful' – duty accompanied by earnestness/haste
4. '...full assurance (most certain confidence) of hope...'
5. 'through faith and patience' – God's way, God's timing.

CLOSING THOUGHTS AND APPLICATION:

Biblically, we properly understand the doctrine of Full Assurance as that which is: (Chapter 18 Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation)

1. "...not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope, but an infallible assurance of faith, founded on the blood and righteousness of Christ revealed in the Gospel" (Heb. 6:17-18)

2. “...This infallible assurance does not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and struggle with many difficulties before he be made a partaker of it” (Isa.50:10, Ps.88, Ps.77:1-12)

3. “True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as by their negligence in preserving of it,” (Song of Solomon 5:2-3,6)...yet are they never destitute of the seed of God and life of faith, 18 that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart and conscience of duty out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may in due time be revived, and by the which, in the meantime, they are preserved from utter despair. (1 John 3:9, Lk 22:32, Ps.42:5,11, Lam.3:26-31)