

PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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TAKING A LOOK AT SOME SCRIPTURAL “NOTS”

- “Be **not** wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil” (Prv. 3:7).
- “Be **not** among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh” (Prv. 23:20).
- “Be **not** a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive **not** with thy lips” (Prv. 24:28).
- “Be **not** rash with thy mouth, and let **not** thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few” (Ecc. 5:2).
- “Be **not** hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools” (Ecc. 7:9).
- “... Learn **not** the way of the heathen, and be **not** dismayed at the signs of heaven...” (Jer. 10:2).
- “And when thou prayest, thou shalt **not** be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men... But when ye pray, use **not** vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be **not** ye therefore like unto them...” (Mt. 6:5, 7-8).
- “Moreover when ye fast, be **not**, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward” (Mt. 6:16).
- “And be **not** conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:2).
- “Be **not** deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Cor. 15:33).
- “And let us **not** be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint **not**” (Gal. 6:9).
- “Wherefore be ye **not** unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be **not** drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:17-18).
- “Look **not** every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Plp. 2:4).
- “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be **not** moved away from the hope of the gospel... (Col. 1:21-23).
- “The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, **not** false accusers, **not** given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be **not** blasphemed” (Tit. 2:3-5).
- “For God is **not** unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be **not** slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Heb. 6:10-12).
- “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being **not** a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed” (Js. 1:25).
- “My brethren, be **not** many masters (teachers), knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation” (Js. 3:1).
- “...Come out of her, my people, that ye be **not** partakers of her sins, and that ye receive **not** of her plagues” (Rev. 18:4).