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Hello and thanks for joining in on today's daily devotion. Today is Thursday January 14th. The 5th day of the Hebraic week.

Our verse today, as it was yesterday, is Philippians 2:12

Phil. 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

We covered this verse yesterday from the perspective of examining our lives in fear and trembling. Today we want to look at it from a slightly different perspective. Looking at it with a focus on the words “your salvation”.

Paul didn't tell us to work out our neighbors salvation. He didn't tell us to work out anyone else's salvation but our own. Work out YOUR salvation... Not others. People don't come to repentance because of pointed fingers. It's His Kindness that leads us to repentance as mentioned in Romans 2:4.

We are to definitely judge the fruit of others to determine if we are to be around them and we are to give warning to others if we believe that they are in sin. However, it is not your job to convince anyone of anything. All we can do is present the truth in love and let it be as that. Anything beyond that can, and most likely will, be taken as condemnation. It's the Holy Spirit's job to convict of sin, not ours. Even though you may have a genuine concern for the person you are reaching out to, be careful. Your concern can very easily come across as condemnation.

Work out YOUR salvation and pray for others. More often than not, words that are spoken in prayer are the greatest words given in care.

Let this be a focus in your time of meditation throughout the day. Until tomorrow, shalom!