

## Remaining Sober

**Acts 26:25-But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.** (KJV)

The Holy Scriptures offer a sober way to look at the self and the community. Life swirls around with the passage of time and believers need to be grounded. The Lord God offers the grounding necessary when insanity and crime arise. The Holy Scriptures offer the valued pathways to peace and soundness of mind. Finding within the self the presence of God keeps the mind clear and focused.

**Romans 12:3-For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

(KJV)

The Lord God helps each person ascertain his or her place in the community. Focusing on God within the self enables the believer to go forth with certainty. God reveals to the attentive believer the paths to take to the Heavenly Kingdom. Prayer, fasting, the Divine services and Holy Scriptures guide the serious believer. Soberness is necessary when insanity, rampant crime and immorality arise.

**2 Corinthians 5:13-For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.** (KJV)

God guides attentive believers through the maze that puts the soul into great peril. Salvation is available for the faithful believers confronted with great corruption. Turning to the Lord God in fervent, serious and focused prayer is beneficial. Knowing when to practice silence and when to speak protect the serious believer. Protecting and preserving the soul at all costs is expected of the Lord's believers.

**1 Thessalonians 5:6-Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.** (KJV)

Being united with the Lord is always necessary to protect and preserve the soul. Centering the mind, heart and soul in the Lord keeps the believer well-focused. Societal ills and perils tear at the believer to endanger and threaten the soul.

God's guidance is required to deal effectively with the world's deceptive ways. Societal intoxicants have a way of creeping into life and need to be removed.

**Titus 2:2-That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.** (KJV)

The Lord God is ever-present for believers to embrace, love and cherish in life. Trust in the Lord is well-placed and is always beneficial in times of turmoil. Listening well for the Lord God's voice will guide the believer to life's harbors. God's love prevails even in the most challenging of times in the corrupt world. Salvation is always possible for the fervent believer facing societal corruption.

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