

21 – FINAL INSTRUCTIONS (HEBREWS 13:1-8)

I. Instructions (Hebrews 13:1-6)

A. Concerning Social Life (Hebrews 13:1-3)

1. Love for Others (Hebrews 13:1)

- The writer commands his readers to love each other with Christian love.
- Brotherly love expresses a mutual regard for one another.

2. Hospitality (Hebrews 13:2)

- The writer stresses that we are not to forget to show hospitality to strangers.
- He provides his readers with another perspective concerning this issue.
- He reminds his readers that some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Scripture Genesis 18:1-8 (ESV)

¹ And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

3. Prisoners (Hebrews 13:3)

- The writer tells his readers to remember the prisoners as if they were in prison as well.
- They were also to remember those who are mistreated as if they had suffered as well.
- The writer is calling his readers to identify with prisoners and the mistreated.

B. Concerning Your Private Life (Hebrews 13:4-6)

1. Marriage (Hebrews 13:4a)

- The writer commends marriage as something that his readers should hold as honorable.
- The word "bed" refers to sexual intimacy within marriage.

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- The readers are commanded not to defile sexual intimacy within marriage.

2. Sexual Sin (Hebrews 13:4b)

- The writer reminds his readers that God will judge sexual sin.
- The phrase "will judge" means that God's judgment is sure.

3. Conduct and Contentment (Hebrews 13:5a)

- The writer calls us to conduct ourselves without being motivated by greed.
- We are not to be motivated by the love of money.

Scripture

1 Timothy 6:10 (ESV)

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

- We are called to be content with the things that we have.

4. Confidence (Hebrews 13:5b-6)

- The writer reflects on the promise of God for help in Joshua 1:5.
- The Lord promises that he will never leave or abandon us.
- Because of God's promise, we can have confidence in him.
- We do not need to fear men.

II. Examples to Follow (Hebrews 13:7-8)

A. Church Leaders (Hebrews 13:7)

- The readers are called to remember their spiritual leaders who teach them the word of God.
- We are called to follow their example in faith.

B. Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:8)

- The writer proclaims the unchanging nature of Jesus Christ.