

LIVING OUT OUR LOVE FOR GOD ~ Hebrews 13:1-6

→ Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-6

INTRODUCTION

THEMES OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS...

- Jesus is SUPERIOR
- do not GO BACK
- you Must PERSEVERE

LOVING EACH OTHERS MORE THAN OURSELVES ~ Hebrews 13:1-3

[1] Keep on loving each other as brothers. [2] Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. [3] Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

1 John 4:21 (HCS) And we have this command from Him: The one who loves God MUST also love his brother.

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Hebrews 13:3 (NET) Remember those in prison as though you were in prison with them, and those ill-treated as though you too felt their torment.

APPLICATION

TO LIVE OUT OUR LOVE FOR GOD MEANS WE WILL...

- Show HOSPITALITY
- CARE FOR those who are Suffering or in Prison

1st - We Are To Show Hospitality to Others

Hospitality = to be Welcoming in our Attitude - Extend Friendship - open our Hearts and Homes

2nd - We must Identify With, and SUPPORT those who are SUFFERING or in Prison

Timothy 1:16-17 (NIV) May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. [17] On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.

How Can We Support Suffering Christians today?

- Praying for them GENERALLY
- Praying for them SPECIFICALLY
- Sending GIFTS
- By WRITING Letters and sending HELP

Matthew 25:37-40 (HCS) "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? [38] When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or without clothes and clothe You? [39] When did we see You sick, or in prison, and visit You?' [40] "And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: **Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.**'

HONORING MARRIAGE ~ Hebrews 13:4

[4] Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

ALL OF US MUST...

- HONOR the Commitments of Marriage
- be COMMITTED to Sexual Purity

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Matthew 19:4-5 (NIV) "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' [5] and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?"

HOW CAN WE HONOR MARRIAGE ?

- ACCEPTING it as part of God's Plan
- Having the highest RESPECT for Marriage
- Keeping the Marriage Bed PURE
- Single - Remain Pure as you Wait For Marriage

LOVING GOD MORE THAN MONEY ~ Hebrews 13:5-6

[5] Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." [6] So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

APPLICATION

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV) But godliness with contentment is great gain. [7] For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. [8] But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. [9] People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. [10] For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Matthew 6:24 (HCS) "No one can be a slave of two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot be slaves of God and of money.

TAKE AWAY??