

Lesson 21

Hebrews 13:1-16

Read Heb 13:1-6

1. Verses 1-6 seem at first glance to be a series of random instructions on diverse topics. What admonition is given in 13:1, which sets the tone for the next five verses?
2. Love within the Church (the body of Believers) is a common theme in the New Testament.
 - a. Read Jesus' words in John 13:34-35. What did He say about this subject?
 - b. Read 2 Peter 1:3-8 (verses 3-6 for context). How does increasing love (among other godly qualities) affect our walk and witness (v 8)?
3. Paraphrase each of the four admonitions from verses 2-5. Then note how submitting to the command given in verse 1 would help you fulfill each of them.

13:2

13:3

13:4

13:5

4. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7, along with Heb 13:4. What statements are included in both passages? What do you read in the 1 Thess passage that helps you understand 13:4 more fully? Why do you think these passages (and other scriptures) speak so strongly about sexual purity?

5. Quotes from Deut 31:6 and Psalm 118:6 follow the warning in 13:5 to be free from the love of money. What do these quotes point toward as the underlying fears behind the love of money?

Read Hebrews 13:7-16

6. What do you think is the relationship between the instruction in 13:7 and the statement in 13:8?

7. Verses 9-12 allude to things associated with the old sacrificial system. Turning with the word “therefore,” verses 13-16 list pleasing sacrifices that these Hebrew Christians (and we) should offer to God. What are they?

8. How can you “continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise” (v 15)? When is it most difficult for you to do so? How might you overcome obstacles to a heart of consistent praise?