

## The Book of Hebrews Chapter Thirteen

### *Final Instructions – The Duties of Faith*

#### I. Chapter Thirteen Memory Verse:

Hebrews 13:5 *“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”*

#### II. Lesson – Chapter Thirteen

##### A. **Have \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherly Love** (13:1; Jn 13:34,35; 15:17; Rom 12:10)

1. It is a natural character of Jesus Christ in the believer
2. Let it well-up in you
3. Let it continue – don't let it ever die out!
4. Satan will do everything in his power to destroy the love among believers. If he is successful, the assembly no longer is an effective part of the Kingdom of God.

##### B. **Entertain Strangers – \_\_\_\_\_ 13:2)**

1. Love not only believers, but strangers even – people you don't know
2. It was an overlooked law in the Old Testament (Lev 19:34; Dt 10:18,19)
3. Angels have appeared in the past
  - a. Unknown to the observer because they look like men – no wings, and don't glow
    - 1) Manoah
    - 2) Abraham (Gen 18:2)
    - 3) Lot (Gen 19:1)
    - 4) Jesus (Mt 25:35)
  - b. Not showing off
  - c. Just delivering a message from God

##### C. **Pray for Believers Who Are Suffering – \_\_\_\_\_ (13:3)**

1. In prison – like Paul was – as bound with them
2. Suffering adversity – as experiencing what they are experiencing (1Cor 12:26)
3. In many nations today, Christians are permitted to conduct their assemblies as they wish without interference by the authorities.
4. In other countries, Christians are harassed, and sometimes put in prison for their religious beliefs.
5. Those of us who are free to assemble as we wish, to pray, to study the Scriptures, must always be aware that there are fellow members of the Body of Christ who are prevented by force and violence from such religious activities.

##### D. **Stay Sexually Pure** (13:4)

1. Marriage is pure and clean and honourable
2. The marriage bed is not defiled – all other “beds” (places of sex) are filthy!
3. Adultery and whoremongery will be judged by God – guaranteed!
4. Especially “Christians” who commit fornication and adultery

##### E. **Be Content** (13:5,6)

1. Conversation – your \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Your words that you say
  - b. And your actions that speak louder than words

2. No \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_ commandment and so easily ignored. It is an over eager desire of the wealth of this world, envying those who have more than we do.
3. Get rid of your love for things and especially your love of money and having money – it is better to have work than money!
4. Content with what you \_\_\_\_\_ – that’s hard! (Philp 4:11)
5. Why can we be content?
  - a. Because we possess Jesus
  - b. Because Jesus will never abandon us – He is content with us
  - c. Adultery and whoremongery is because of discontentment in the marriage bed!
  - d. You can be content if you already belong to the Lord Jesus!
  - e. Because with Jesus, no one can hurt you
  - f. So don’t fear anyone hurting you

#### F. Honour your Pastor (13:7,17)

1. Remember to honour them in two ways (1Thes 5:17)
  - a. With \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. With \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 6:6)
2. Know them (1Thes 5:12,13)
3. They have the rule over you – \_\_\_\_\_ – so, \_\_\_\_\_ them (13:17)
  - a. They rule, not only “suggest” things for you to do
  - b. They have authority from God – just as authoritative as a Garda, or Policeman
  - c. Submit yourselves
4. They speak the word of God
5. They will have to give an account to God (at the Judgment Seat of Christ) for how they dealt with you:
  - a. Either timidly and they will be in trouble
  - b. Or faithfully, and YOU will be in trouble if you do not obey
  - c. Any real pastor only rejoices when his flock live right and for God
6. They live as an example for you to follow
7. Consider the end of their conversation... \_\_\_\_\_, who is the same yesterday, today and forever!

#### G. Be Stable in Your Doctrine (13:9-11)

1. Doctrine is what you \_\_\_\_\_ from the Bible.
2. Doctrine labels you – identifies you as distinct from just everyone else (Rom 16:17,18)
3. Doctrine can exceed its design
4. Make sure your heart is built upon \_\_\_\_\_ and not with MEAT
  - a. Grace is the good stuff – the easy to understand stuff
  - b. Meat has to be chewed and cut into small bites - studied
5. Being *carried about* is a phrase describing leaves carried in the wind with no control over themselves – no gravity
6. False \_\_\_\_\_ can “carry you away” (Gal 3:1; Mt 24:4)
7. Your own \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible can deceive you (Act 20:30)
8. Grace Doctrines
  - a. Repentance from dead works
  - b. What is faith and how to trust God
  - c. The love of God and the love of the brethren

- d. The wrath of God
  - e. Forgiveness by the lamb
  - f. Things you learn without really reading the Bible – just from hearing it (5:13)
  - g. Things that help you get started as a new baby and helps you grow
  - h. These are things that you can be easily certain about
9. Meat Doctrines
- a. The Rapture
  - b. Dietary Laws
  - c. Dispensationalism
  - d. The Aaronic versus the Melchisedec priesthood
  - e. These all require much study and testing to understand and hold firmly to
10. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is your source of provisions
- a. We are like the priests under the Old Testament living off of the offerings that people brought to the Tabernacle
  - b. Only they had the right to eat of that food
  - c. And only WE believers have the right to feast on the truths of the word of God
  - d. Feast on the food of the Bible:
    - 1) Honey and honeycombs
    - 2) Bread
    - 3) Meat
    - 4) Water

#### H. Let Us Follow Jesus (13:12-14)

1. The refuse of the offerings that people brought, were burnt just outside the cities and the camp – thrown away, and then burned!
2. That's where Christ allowed Himself to be crucified to purify the people
3. So, that is a place of honour for the believer!
4. Let's go to \_\_\_\_\_, wherever He is leading (Jn 12:26; 13:36; 21:19)
5. No matter the persecution, mockery we might have to put up with
6. Peter and the apostles were not willing, but years later, WE Hebrews should be
  - a. They would lose their jobs for turning from Judaism to following Jesus
  - b. They might lose their wives or husbands
  - c. They might lose their lives
  - d. So what!
7. We have nothing \_\_\_\_\_ in this world worth dying for – but we have a continuing city!!!

#### I. Let Us Offer Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (13:15,16)

1. By Jesus – not in our own strength – and because of His sacrifice!
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a sacrifice for us (13:15)
  - a. Not just praise, but continuous praise
  - b. Constantly giving thanks to God's name
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a sacrifice (13:16)
  - a. Giving to a specific need (Philp 4:14,15; Rom 12:13)
  - b. Someone tells you what is needed
  - c. And you RESPOND with a gift to meet that need
4. These kind of sacrifices please God – not animals anymore

**J. Pray for God’s Men (13:18,19)**

1. Paul always asked people to pray for him (Rom 15:30; Eph 6:19,20; Col 4:3; 1Thes 5:25; 2Thes 3:1)
2. Pray that they keep a clean and good conscience
3. Pray they always live honestly and not get to where they get defeated and try and cover their failures
4. Pray that if you ever are apart from you pastor, that you get soon reunited

**K. Let God Finish His Work in You (13:20,21)**

1. May the God who raised Jesus back from the dead...
  - a. The great shepherd of the sheep – pastor of all churches
  - b. The One who gave us the blood of the everlasting covenant – not the blood of the old covenant!
  - c. Notice the New Covenant is \_\_\_\_\_ – unlike the Old Covenant
2. May He make you perfect in every work you do
  - a. Doing His will
  - b. Pleasing God well
3. Through the strength and grace of the presence of Jesus Christ in your life

**L. Final Words (13:22-25)**

1. Suffer (\_\_\_\_\_) this long letter
2. Timothy has been released from prison
3. If Timothy is able to get to Paul, Paul is trusting to be able to get back to the land of Israel and be with his people
4. Salute, \_\_\_\_\_ and greet all pastors and preachers, as well as ALL saints – Jew and Gentile
5. Paul is in Italy, in prison at this time
6. The believers in Italy sent greetings to God’s people in Israel
7. God’s grace be with the Hebrew people! (13:25)
8. Signed by the secretary, \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Questions from Chapter Thirteen**

- A. What attitude must reign among the members of the body of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. What is to be our attitude toward marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- C. What shall happen to fornicators and adulterers? \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. From what should our life be free? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Why can we be content with our present circumstances?  
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\_\_\_\_\_.
- F. What attitude should we take toward pastors who have spoken to us the Word of God?  
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- G. What two kinds of sacrifices are we to be offering?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. Why must we obey the leadership in the churches? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- I. What is unique about the new covenant? \_\_\_\_\_.