

sermon notes

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June 25, 2023 | "Love, Marriage, Money, and Jesus" | **Hebrews 13:1-8**

As followers of Jesus, we are called to...

- 1) Love the _____ (13:1)
- 2) Show hospitality to _____ (13:2)
- 3) Care for the _____ (13:3)
- 4) Honor _____ (13:4)
- 5) Guard against _____ (13:5-6)
- 6) Imitate our _____ (13:7)
- 7) Depend upon the _____ (13:8)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 13:1-8. This section of Scripture is very preachy and moralistic. There's a lot of emphasis on dos and don'ts. How do we make sense of this in light of Hebrews' message in chapters 1-12? How do we make sense of these ethical commands in light of the fact that we are saved by grace through faith?

Read the seven things that we are called to do as followers of Jesus. Which of these commands would you consider countercultural? Which are the hardest to obey in today's world? In your church?

GET PERSONAL

How do you display brotherly love (φιλαδελφία) in your life? How do you display love for strangers (φιλοξενία)? Consider ways that you show hospitality to others. Why is that important? Has this become more difficult in our modern day world? How might the show of hospitality to strangers create opportunities for the gospel?

The Bible clearly teaches a sexual standard for God's people. Specify what that standard is. How is the Christian standard of marriage and sex being disregarded in our modern-day world? How do we balance grace and truth with this issue?

How can we guard against the love of money as Christians? Is money intrinsically evil? Is the pursuit of wealth intrinsically wrong? How does God's presence with us ("I will never leave you nor forsake you") ameliorate our need for money in this world? How can we use our possessions to honor God?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Memorize Hebrews 13:8 and recite it to a friend. Review and remind yourself of this passage every day for a month. Then answer the following questions: Why is Hebrews 13:8 so significant as a theological statement? How is Christ and his changelessness significant to the book of Hebrews? How is Jesus central to everything the author of Hebrews has been saying in this book?

ADVANCED QUESTION

How do we understand Jesus's changelessness (immutability) in light of the incarnation? Didn't Jesus change when he took on human flesh and dwelt among us? For help answering this theological question, see the following article by David Larson at the Desiring God website:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/did-the-incarnation-change-god>

Also see the sermon on Hebrews 13 by John Piper:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/jesus-christ-is-the-same-yesterday-and-today-and-forever>