

WORTHY INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTIANS

Hebrews 13:1-25

CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE FAITHFUL TO:

1. **Love** other Christians. (vs. 1)
2. Show **hospitality** to strangers. (vs. 2)
3. **Remember** those who are imprisoned. (vs. 3)
4. **Honor** your marriage. (vs. 4)
5. **Avoid** the love of money. (vs. 5)
 - “Let brotherly love continue. 2 Don’t neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it. 3 Remember those in prison, as though you were in prison with them, and the mistreated, as though you yourselves were suffering bodily. 4 Marriage is to be honored by all and the marriage bed kept undefiled, because God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. 5 Keep your life free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for He himself has said, I will never leave you or abandon you.” (Hebrews 13:1-5)
 - As the Lord continues to sanctify us through His word and the Holy Spirit, our commitment to faithful living increases.

CHRISTIANS SHOULD SUBMIT TO GODLY LEADERS

1. Godly leaders teach God’s word **rightly**. (vss. 7, 9-16)
2. Godly leaders demonstrate a life of **faith**. (vs. 8)
3. Godly leaders **shepherd** the church well. (vs. 17)
4. Godly leaders live **honorable** lives. (vs. 18)
 - “Remember your leaders who have spoken God’s word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 9 Don’t be led astray by various kinds of strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be established by grace and not by food regulations, since those who observe them have not benefited. 10 We have an altar from which those who worship at the tabernacle do not

have a right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the most holy place by the high priest as a sin offering are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore, Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that He might sanctify the people by His own blood. 13 Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His disgrace. 14 For we do not have an enduring city here; instead, we seek the one to come. 15 Therefore, through Him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess His name. 16 Don’t neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices. 17 Obeys your leaders and submit to them, since they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. 18 Pray for us, for we are convinced that we have a clear conscience, wanting to conduct ourselves honorably in everything.” (Hebrews 13:7-18)

- **Christians should never submit to a “leader” who tells them to do something that contradicts the Bible or comes from extra-biblical “revelation.”**
- “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1)
- “There were indeed false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and will bring swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their depraved ways, and the way of truth will be maligned because of them. 3 They will exploit you in their greed with made-up stories. Their condemnation, pronounced long ago, is not idle, and their destruction does not sleep.” (2 Peter 2:1-3)
- “For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no great surprise if his servants also disguise

- **While there are ungodly “leaders” who abuse the church for selfish gain, we must be careful not disregard our responsibility to the godly leaders the Lord has given us.**

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- According to Hebrews 13:1–5, what are some of the practical instructions given to believers about relationships, marriage, money, and contentment?
- In verses 7 & 17, how are Christians instructed to relate to their leaders, and why?
- What does verse 8 tell us about Jesus Christ, and why might this be important in the context of warnings against false teaching (v. 9)?

- What are some practical ways we can let “brotherly love continue” in our group, church, or community?
- Showing hospitality can feel inconvenient or uncomfortable. What keeps you from practicing it more often?
- Why is honoring marriage and sexual purity so important for both individuals and the church?
- Where do you struggle most with contentment, and what truth from this passage can help you?
- What qualities should we look for in godly leaders, according to this chapter?
- Submitting to leadership can be difficult. How do we balance obedience to leaders with discerning God’s truth from His Word?
- What does it mean in daily life to “offer a sacrifice of praise” (v. 15) and “do good and share” (v. 16)?

- Who do you need to share the gospel with this week?
- Who do you need to follow-up with regarding the gospel?
- Who are you bringing to church next Sunday?

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