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Spiritual Fruit of Christianity

Hebrews 13:1-6

- 1) Christians love one another (13:1; cf. Rom 12:9); *philadelphians*
- 2) Christians show hospitality to strangers (2); *philoxenians*
 - a) A spiritual fruit for elders (Titus 1:8) & for all (Rom. 12:13)
 - b) Traveling preachers needed it (3 John 5-8)
 - c) Angels come testing it (cf. Gen. 18-19)
- 3) Christians are sympathetic to those in need (3), as to Christ (Matt. 25:40)
- 4) Christians honor marriage, protecting its purity (4)
 - a) Marriage is honorable (Gen 2; Eph 5; Col 3)
 - i) Like a well-respected teacher (Acts 5:34)
 - ii) Like valuable gems (1 Cor. 3:12)
 - iii) Like the blood of Jesus (1 Pet. 1:9)
 - iv) Like the promises of God (2 Pet. 1:4)
 - b) Marriage bed to be undefiled
 - i) Used for Christ as the our High Priest
 - ii) Used to depict true worship (Jas. 1:27)
- 5) Christians are free from the love of money (5-6)
 - a) Not covetous or idolatrous (Ex. 20:17)
 - b) Love of money the root of all evil (1 Tim 6:10)
 - i) Examples: Achan, Gehazi, Judas
 - ii) Some hoard, some display, some just acquire
 - c) Fearing nothing since God provides (Ps. 118:6)
 - i) God does not abandon (Deut. 31:6, 8)
 - ii) God won't leave (triple negative: *I will not...*)