

## 2 Corinthians 4:15

...so that as grace extends to more and more people  
it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gratitude is the first step to building joy into our lives and helps us experience a more consistent attachment with God.

Jim Wilder, Michel Hendricks, *The Other Half of Church*, p. 63



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Greatness is a measure of the excellence of your character, not the breadth of your ego. The tragedy of your life would not be failing to become rich, famous, or professionally accomplished; it would be in missing out on the opportunity to be and to do good. ...

Whom do you look up to in life as a measure of greatness? Who are your heroes, your mentors? Ask yourself: do they see clearly what true greatness is? Are their lives and philosophies examples of love, service, and humility? ... Follow leaders who can show you how to be not merely successful, but truly great.

Rod Dreher, *How Dante Can Save Your Life*, p. 147

# Hebrews 13:1-6

## Hebrews 13:1-6 Overview

1. Ongoing self-giving/sacrificial love for the Christians we know vs. 1
2. Occasional self-giving/sacrificial love for Christians we don't know vs. 2
3. Empathetic self-giving/sacrificial love for Christians who are suffering (particularly to those who are suffering because of their stand for Jesus) vs. 3

Which will require:

1. Marriages being honored and protected as an ongoing display of the self-giving/sacrificial love that Jesus has for the church vs. 4  
vs. 5-6
2. That we not put our trust in money for our security, but instead continue to trust in Jesus' ongoing, self-giving love for us.

Hebrews 13:1

Let brotherly love continue.



The poor wretches have convinced themselves, first and foremost, that they are going to be immortal and live for all time, in consequence of which they despise death and even willingly give themselves into custody; most of them.

Furthermore, their first lawgiver [Jesus] persuaded them that they are all brothers ... Therefore they despise all things indiscriminately and consider them common property...

Lucian of Samosata, *The Passing of Peregrinus*, 13

## Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

## Hebrews 13:3

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

## Hebrews 13:23

You should know that our brother Timothy has been released [from prison], with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.

## Hebrews 13:3

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## Acts 9:4

Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?

## Matthew 25:34-36 & 40

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ... <sup>40</sup>... 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

## Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all,  
and let the marriage bed be undefiled,  
for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

## Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”



## Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

## Revelation 12:10-11

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers [and sisters] has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

## Romans 8:36-37

As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

## Luke 12:4

I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do

## Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

## Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

## Philippians 1:12

I want you to know, brothers [and sisters], that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,

## Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Hebrews 10:34

... you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

## Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.