

# 5 Priorities to Keep in Your Christian Life Senior Pastor, Kevin Hurt Hebrews 13:1-14 January 14, 2018

## What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...
  - A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)
  - A Better Priest: Jesus (7-10)
  - A Better Principle: Faith (11-13)
    - The People of Faith (11)

The Perseverance of Faith (12)

Run the Race - Looking to Jesus vs. 1-2

Discipline — How God Trains Us vs. 3-11

The Christian Life — We Need Each Other vs. 12-17

A Tale of Two Mountains — What Motivates You to Live the Christian Life? vs. 18-24

God Speaks For the Last Time to the World — How Will You Respond? vs. 25-29

### What we are going to learn today in our study ...

The Proofs of Faith (13)

#### Hebrews 13:1-14

This chapter is filled with **EXHORTATIONS/COMMANDS**.

- v. 1 "Let love of the brethren continue."
- v. 2 "Do not neglect ..."
- v. 4 "Marriage is to be held in honor among all, ..."
- v. 5 "Make sure your character is free from the love of money, ..."
- v. 7 "Remember those who led you, who spoke the Word of God to you; ..."
- v. 9 "Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; ..."
- v. 13 "So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, ..."

This chapter is focusing on our **EXAMPLE/CHARACTER**.

LESSON - 5 Priorities to Keep in Your Christian Life 13:1-14

I. PRIORITY #1 — Loving and caring for our brothers and sisters in need (vs. 1-3)

"Let love of the brethren continue."

The Scriptures — The Exhortations to Love (John 13:34; Romans 13:8; I Corinthians 13, and 1 Thessalonians 4:9)

The Specifics -2 Expressions of Christian Love (vs. 1-3)

- 1. Love for <u>STRANGERS</u> "Do not neglect to show hospitality" v. 2 (Cf. Genesis 18-19)
- 2. Love for <u>SUFFERERS</u> "Remember the prisoners" v. 3 (cf. Hebrews 11:36)

The Application — Love is expressed by <u>DEEDS</u>.

## II. PRIORITY #2 - Honor marriage as the most important human relationship on earth (v. 4)

The Errors About Marriage — How people then and now thought

- 1. Marriage is not the **BEST**. (Cf. 1 Corinthians 7:5; 1 Timothy 4:1-5)
- 2. Marriage is not **BINDING** (Cf. 1 Corinthians 5:1-8, 6:13)

The Exhortations About Marriage — How God wants them and us to think

- 1. Don't **FORBID** it. "Marriage is to be held in honor among all, ..."
- 2. Be **FAITHFUL**. "... and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

The Application — Marriage is honored by our **<u>DEVOTION</u>** to one another.

## III. PRIORITY #3 - Don't fall in love with money (vs. 5-6)

The Rationale — What things could keep you from loving money?

The Reasons — The real motivation for not loving money.

"For He Himself has said ..."

The Application – Contentment is evidenced by confident <u>DELIGHT</u>.