



5 Priorities to Keep in Your Christian Life, Part 2

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Hebrews 13:1-14

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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

The Proofs of Faith (13)

5 Priorities to Keep in Your Christian Life vs. 1-14

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

The **Application** — Love is expressed by **DEEDS** to strangers and sufferers.

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

The **Application** — Marriage is elevated by our **DEVOTION** to one another.

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

The **Application** — Contentment is evidenced by confident **DELIGHT** in God Himself.

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

Continued study of verses 7-14

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IV. PRIORITY #4 — Follow the Example of Your Leadership's Faith (v. 7)

The People — *"Remember **those** who **led** you, who **spoke** the Word of God to you; ..."*

The Purpose — *"... and considering the result of their **conduct**, imitate their **faith**."*

The Application — An imitating faith exposes our **DESIRE** for Christ & God's Word.

V. PRIORITY #5 — Devote Yourself to Christ No Matter What Else is Taught in the Culture or What it Costs (vs. 8-14)

*"Jesus Christ is the same **yesterday** (the **PAST**) and **today** (the **PRESENT**) and **forever** (the **FUTURE**)."*

The Term — Understanding the Concept of Immutability in v. 8 (cf. Psalm 90:2, 102:25-27; Malachi 3:6; James 1:17)

1. It does not mean Jesus has never changed in His **ACTIONS**.
2. It means Jesus in His **ATTRIBUTES** as God has never changed. (Cf. Hebrews 1:10-12)

The Text — Understanding the Connection of v. 8 with verses 9-14

v. 9 *"Do not be carried away by **varied and strange teachings**; for it is good for the **heart** to be **strengthened by grace**, **not by foods**, through which those who were so occupied **were not benefited**."*

Grace is more than a **PRINCIPLE**: It is a **POWER**! (cf. James 4:6; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 13:25)

Grace is a **PORTRAIT** of all that God has done for us in Christ in the New Covenant (See vs. 10-11)

v. 10 *"**We have an altar** from which those who serve the tabernacle (tent) have no right to eat."*

v. 11 *"For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place ... as an offering for sin, **are burned outside the camp**."*

vs. 12-14 *"Therefore Jesus also, ... **suffered outside the gate**. So, let us go out to Him **outside the camp**, For there we do not have a lasting city, **but we are seeking the city which is to come**."*

The Truth — Understanding the Concept of Devotion (For these Hebrews and Ourselves)

The Application — Devotion to Christ explains our **DREAMS** about our future.