

Hebrews 13, Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Love the Brethren.

Hebrews 13:1

The writer of Hebrews exhorts, "Let love of the brethren continue" (Heb. 13:1), specifically referring to *Christian* brethren. Our tangible love and care for our Christian brothers and sisters is a large part of our testimony to the community. Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another" (Jn. 13:35). In a healthy church, its members: [1] are "devoted to one another in brotherly love (Rom. 12:10); [2] "give preference to one another in honor" (Rom. 12:10); and [3] "fervently love one another from the heart" (1 Pet. 1:22). So then dear brethren, "Let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth" (1 Jn. 3:18). And "We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16). Read Psalm 133:1; 1 Thessalonica 4:9-10

☐ Tuesday - Love Your Spouse.

Hebrews 13:4

Here are a few Scriptural guidelines for a Christ-centered marriage: "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4). "Under three things the earth quakes, and under four, it cannot bear up ... Under an unloved woman who is married" (Prov. 30:21,23). "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her" (Eph. 5:25), "rejoice in the wife of your youth" (Prov. 5:18). "... and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband" (Eph. 5:33). Read Ephesians 5:21-33

☐ Wednesday - Don't Love Money.

Hebrews 13:5

Money is not evil, but rather the love of money. So then, "Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have" (Heb. 13:5). "But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang" (1 Tim. 6:9-10). "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [money]" (Matt. 6:24). Read Luke 12:15-21

☐ Thursday - Love Sound Doctrine.

Hebrews 13:9

In a world steeped in false religion, Scripture warns, "Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings..." (Heb. 13:9). "We are no longer to be children ... carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but ... grow up in all aspects into Him" (Eph. 4:14-15). "Be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following" (1 Tim. 4:6). Read 1 Tim. 6:3-4; 2 Tim. 4:3-4

☐ Friday - Love the Lord.

Hebrews 13:15

True love for God overflows in praise and thanksgiving. "Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name" (Heb. 13:15). "Sing praise to the Lord, you His godly ones, and give thanks to His holy name" (Psa. 30:4). "Make His praise glorious" (Psa. 66:2). Read Psalm 2:11

☐ Saturday - Love Your Leaders.

Hebrews 13:17

"Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account" (Heb. 13:17). "But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work" (1 Thess. 5:12-13). Read 1 Timothy 5:17