

Jesus is better! Hebrews 13:1-9

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 13:1 Brotherly love is natural. When a person is saved, he/she is naturally drawn to fellowship with other believers.
 - 2) 13:1 God gave the world the right to evaluate us. They can tell if we are serious about our walk with Christ by our love for each other (John 13:35).
 - 3) 13:2 If we help others with the proper intentions, God will honor the effort.
 - 4) 13:2 We never know how far-reaching a simple act of helpfulness may be.
 - 5) 13:3 We can support those who are in trauma in three ways:
 - “Be there”(strengthen)
 - Direct help (finances/food/resources/etc.)
 - Prayer
- 13:4 The early church had to face immorality in the lives of believers/draw guidelines:
- 1.) They need to repent
 - 2.) Other believers are to help them Galatians 6:1; James 5:16
 - 3.) Believers are not to be “best” friends w/immoral believers 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
- 6) It is not possible to act against God’s design and not suffer consequences.
 - 7) 13:5-6 Contentment cannot come from material things, for they can never satisfy the heart. Contentment comes from communion with God.
 - 8) 13:7-8 Leaders will come and go, but Jesus remains the same.
 - 9) 13:9 One of the biblical purposes of a church is to establish God’s people so they will not be blown around by dangerous doctrines (Ephesians 4:11–14).

GREEK WORDS

Compound - **Phileō** (tender affection) **Adelphos** - (near kinsman; literally, “from the same womb”)

Amiantos (am-ee'-an-tos)—unsoiled, pure :- undefiled

Immorality (*Porneia*) - same Greek term as **fornicators** (*pornos*)

Contentment stems from Relationship- KNOWING:

- 1.) **Acknowledge God’s goodness**/start there
- 2.) **Realize God is Omniscient.** He knows what we need long before we have a need. Jesus said-
“Your Father knows that you need these things” **Luke 12:30**
- 3.) **Recognize God is Sovereign;** He does not have the same plan for everyone. What He lovingly gives to one, He just as lovingly may withhold from another. How we manage what we’ve been given is the real issue – are we trustworthy stewards?
- 4.) **Remind ourselves what true wealth is.** Followers of Jesus, including poor ones, are rich. Our treasure is in heaven, therefore we set our minds “...on the things above, not on the things that are on earth” (*Colossians 3:2*)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- How Am I doing at loving my brothers/sisters in Christ?
- Am I willing to engage strangers – ‘entertain’
- How do I view God’s standard for marriage/purity?
- What’s my relationship to money?
- Can I recognize false teaching?

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