

# Radiant!

Who You Are...  
Because of Who He Is.

~Lesson Thirteen  
Hebrews Chapter Thirteen



*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly*

# ...SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP...

📖 **God's Word is our standard.** We'll use the Bible - not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition - as our guide for everything. We are using the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible for this study.

♥ **We come from varying faith backgrounds**, so please be thoughtful of denominational and religious differences.

🚫 **Avoid commentaries or study notes in your Bible.** Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.

🙋 **We're all learning.** Be gracious and patient with yourself and with others. No one has it all figured out.

✓ **This isn't a personal opinion study. This is a Bible study.** So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers. Try your best and have a humble and teachable spirit.

🗣️ **You don't have to share**, but if you did the reading and the study this week, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share! 😊

👂 **Didn't finish the study this week?** That's ok. Life gets busy. You're here! Yay you! This will be a good week for you to listen and perhaps jot down answers as others share.

⌚ **Be considerate of your "slice of the pie"** Share your thoughts, but allow time for others to do the same.

🕒 **Watch the time.** We'll start the teaching time at 7:40pm (evening) or 10:40am (morning) group.

## ...AS WE GATHER...

1. What did this "cloud of witnesses" witness? pg 9/Q2
2. What is the opposite of resisting and its result? Remember the imagery he used in the first warning way back in 2:1-3. Also, how does that apply to your life today? pg 12/ Q8
3. Share your response to question 15, page 14 (You studied either Job, Joseph, or the blind man.)
4. Share your illustration from page 15 and any thoughts you had about that passage.
5. Share your response to question 6, page 18.
6. What view of God inspires this response of gratitude and worship? How does that worship look in our lives? page 22/Qs 10 & 11
7. Share an insight you gained from your study through chapter 12
8. Share your Create & Share
9. Recite Hebrews 12:1-2 together.





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# ~ Lesson Thirteen Overview ~

## Lesson Twelve – Hebrews Chapter 13

### Memorize Hebrews 13:5-6

Day 1 – Read & Write

Day 2 – Overview and outline chapter 13

Day 3 – Overview and outline chapter 13

Day 4 – 13:1-6

Day 5 – 13:1-6

Day 6 – 13:7-9

Day 7 – 13:9-16

Day 8 – 13:7, 17-19

Day 9 – 13:20-25

Day 10 – Create & Share

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# ...Lesson Thirteen -Day One...

## ...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 13:5-6



### ...READ AND WRITE HEBREWS 13

As you read in the introduction, we are reading and writing the entire book of Hebrews over the course of this study. At the end of this lesson packet, I have provided several blank pages for you to “WRITE THE WORD.” Use these or any pages – perhaps a special journal? – to write each chapter of Hebrews. At the end of this study, you’ll have written the entire book! What a treasure!

While you study Hebrews, write any notes, thoughts, questions, even drawings, that will help you engage and understand the Scripture. Before you read and write, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word (Psalm 119:18) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading.

- 1) READ HEBREWS CHAPTER 13 – This is our last chapter; can you believe it? If you haven’t read chapters 1-12 yet, be sure to read them as well.
- 2) WRITE HEBREWS CHAPTER 13 – Take time to get caught up on any previous chapters you need to write.
- 3) WRITE & MEMORIZE Hebrews 13:5-6 – Review and meditate on these verses daily. I’ve provided space at the opening of each lesson for this.

### ...CREATE & SHARE THINK AHEAD...

Think ahead to our Create & Share – As you read and study over the next several days, be thinking about what you’ll write on this day.

*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?”*

*Hebrews 13:5-6*



# ...Lesson Thirteen - Days Two & Three...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 13:5-6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passage for today: [Hebrews 13](#)

Today's lesson is the first of a two-day overview of chapter 13. Suggested reading: 13:1-9 then 13:9-25

...DWELL IN THE WORD...

1. Go back and consider how the final words of chapter 12 connect with the opening of chapter 13:

2. Re-read chapter 13 and make note of every imperative. Rewrite each one in your own words, then write how you personally will live out that imperative in your life. If you're not sure of a concept, please resist the temptation to consult a commentary (including the notes if you use a study Bible.) Just think and pray and work through this chapter on your own. We'll be breaking things down together soon.

The Imperatives	...in my own words	...in my own life
<i>Let brotherly love continue.</i>		
<i>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers</i>		
<i>Remember those who are in prison...and those who are mistreated</i>		
<i>Let marriage be held in honor among all</i>		

The Imperatives	...in my own words	...in my own life
...let the marriage bed be undefiled		
Keep your life free from love of money		
Be content		
Remember your leaders		
Consider [your leaders'] way of life		
Imitate [your leaders'] faith		
Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings		
Go to [Jesus] outside the camp...		
bear the reproach [Jesus] endured		

The Imperatives	...in my own words	...in my own life
<i>Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God</i>		
<i>Do not neglect to do good</i>		
<i>Share what you have</i>		
<i>Obey your leaders</i>		
<i>Submit to [your leaders]</i>		
<i>Let [your leaders] do this (watch over you) with joy</i>		
<i>Pray for us</i>		
<i>Bear with my word of exhortation</i>		

3. Which verse really pricked your heart? I mean, if you're like me, when you're reading the Word, you know a certain verse is perfectly timely for you in what you're facing in your life. Select one of the verses from this chapter and share why it seemed particularly convicting, challenging, or encouraging.
- Then, on the next page create a graphic for that verse that you can post in your home (I like to tape verses to my bathroom mirror!) or post and share on social media...or both!

## ...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

I used to think there were basically two kinds of people, the ones who say: “Give me the rules so I can live by them” and the others who say: “I don’t care about the rules, I’ll make my own up as I go, thank you very much.” By that reckoning, I used to divide people up by the followers and the trailblazers. But I don’t think that way any more. While it might seem exciting and daring to live with no rules, when it comes down to it, we all want rules. We might live like a free bird, but if some other person shoots our bird out of the sky, we’re not going to like that one bit. No matter how much we want the freedom to live our own way, we also want others to behave themselves – and guess what, that means rules. Here’s the thing, if we start with the “how to live your life” list of behaviors then it’s all quite empty and ultimately up for grabs, in other words, who’s to say what rules? Whose rules? Where’s the rationale for any way of living. Now think about what the author of Hebrews has taught, encouraged, warned about leading up to this final chapter...what – or rather, who – has been the emphasis and focus all along – Jesus! Without the reason, all we have is another moral code. Why not Hammurabi’s Code? Why not Confucius’ Code? Or Muhammed’s? Why not every man for himself?

One word: Jesus.

Jesus not only exemplified the perfection we are to attain, but he made a way for us to attain it. The life of a follower of Jesus is not about the code of conduct we are to live by, it’s not about moral perfection, it’s about Jesus – seeing, considering, remembering, and aiming for Him. Never lose sight of that. Start with Him and let the rest follow as you keep your head up and your eyes fixed on Him.

# ...Lesson Thirteen - Days Four & Five...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 13:5-6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passage for today: [Hebrews 13:1-6](#)  
We'll cover this passage in two days. Divide up the lesson as it is helpful for you.

...DWELL IN THE WORD...

1. Connect in your Bible the final exhortation in Hebrews 12:28-29 with Hebrews 13:6. We'll get to that in the "Reflect on the Word" portion of today's study.
2. Note the exhortations about love in this passage. There are two positive and one negative examples.

What kind of love?      What is the exhortation about it?


3. **CONTEXT** -- Notice the distinction in the author's exhortation about brotherly love. He doesn't just say to have brotherly love, what does he say, and what do you think that implies?

He says...

This implies that...

What are some examples the author has already given of how they've shown brotherly love?

[10:32](#)

## Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

The word translated "brotherly love" is one word in Greek: φιλαδελφία (philadelphia) (from *philos*, "loving friend" and *adelphós*, "a brother") – and it refers to the love we should have for brothers and sisters in Christ.

4. In 13:2-3 the author exhorts us on how to treat those we might not be as close to as “adelphos.”

People	How to treat them...	Why...

5. Describe Abraham’s experience and how he exemplified the exhortation in Hebrews 13:2. Read [Genesis 18:1-8](#)

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6. How should this kind of love set Christians apart from those who do not follow Christ? Read [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

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**Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με**  
 The word translated “hospitality” comes from another Greek word with the philos/friend root, only this one is loving friendship toward strangers: φιλοξενίας

What are the consequences for NOT loving in this way?

7. God’s plan for marriage (one man with one woman) was established in Genesis. What can you do today – married or not – to honor marriage?

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8. The author exhorts them/us in 13:4 to make a shift. The [Berean Literal Bible](#) captures the Greek well, “Let your manner of life be without covetousness, being satisfied with the present...”

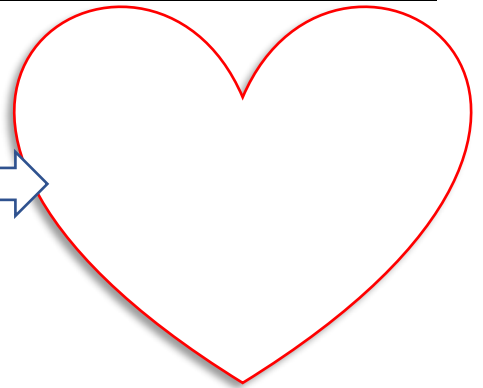
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9. What are ways you are tempted to “love money” and what would you say, based on this passage, is the antidote to that kind of “love?”



10. Consider the natural connection between “the love of money” and your willingness (or lack of it) to live out Hebrews 13:1-4...

11. Is there anything keeping you from living out Hebrews 13:1-6 in your life today? What changes do you need to make to fulfill these exhortations? Share your thoughts here and prayerfully consider how you can grow in this area.

### It's Γρεκ το Με

Ἀφιλάργυρος (Aphilargyros) is the one Greek word translated “free from love of money.” It is actually three roots: “a + phileo + argyros” which literally means “not + love + silver.” In 1 Timothy 6:10, Paul teaching on contentment, warns against the “φιλαργυρία” or “love of silver.”

## ...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

Love, sex, money...even if you were living in total isolation, you couldn't escape the draw of one of these three basic drives. We were created to glorify God in these areas and we are most tempted to glorify ourselves in these three as well. After laying the encouraging and hopeful foundation for our purpose in life – drawing near to God through Jesus – the author of Hebrews gives us the practical outgrowth of that right understanding. We are heirs of a kingdom that cannot be shaken. We are sons and daughters of the King of kings...let's act like it! Love God. Love others – like really love them, all of them! Love and remember those in need whether they're locked away in prison or are knocking on your door. Love and respect your marriage – don't mess it up with sexual immorality and don't allow anyone else to do that either. Love God, not money - Don't be so focused on what you can buy – you'll be consumed by love of things and not for people – the strangers and imprisoned he's just talked about especially. Yes! I can do this! It's so simple, right? And yet...

What is it that gets in the way? I'm going to suggest that it's something that is as basic to our nature as love, sex, and money...

Fear.

Every need we live to fulfill outside of God's perfection is rooted in some kind of fear.

Fear of not being safe – so we don't risk going to a prison or reaching out to strangers.

Fear of not being loved in return – so we don't risk truly loving others.

Fear of missing out – so we covet and lust and dishonor sexuality within marriage.

Fear of losing, not having enough – so we spin and spend our time and life collecting things.

The same thing that will prevent us from living a godly life – fear – is actually the same thing that will bring us ultimate satisfaction – fear, a healthy, reverential, fear of God who is a “consuming fire.”

Be satisfied in Jesus. Love God in how you love others, in your sex life, and with the way you spend your money. If what you're doing in those three areas doesn't shout to the world that you love God and live in awe of Him, stop!

Remember, “the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” You're not alone in this, “The Lord is your helper.”

THE LORD IS  
MY HELPER  
I WILL NOT FEAR  
WHAT CAN MAN  
do to me?

hebrews 13:6



# ...Lesson Thirteen - Day Six...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

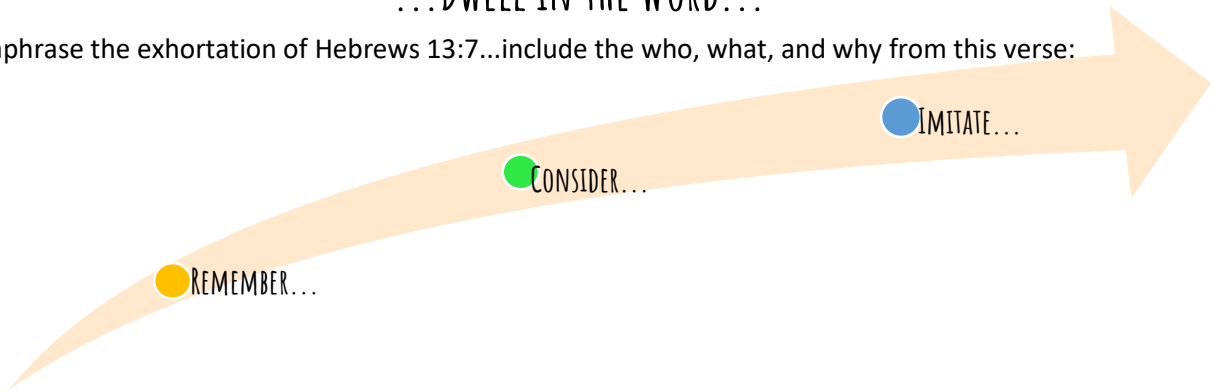
HEBREWS 13:5-6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passage for today: [Hebrews 13:7-9](#)

...DWELL IN THE WORD...

1. Paraphrase the exhortation of Hebrews 13:7...include the who, what, and why from this verse:



2. Considering the context, why do think the author gives this particular exhortation and why right now? (Note: He's going to pick up this thought about leaders in 13:17 and 13:24.)

## It's ΓΡΕΚ ΤΟ ΜΕ

We get our word "mime" from the Greek word μιμεῖσθε (mimeisthe) – it always refers to a high level of personal interest motivating one to emulate a mentor.

3. In your Bible, highlight the phrase "outcome of their way of life," then underline the word "outcome." How is it different to consider the "outcome" of your leaders' way of life versus considering a leaders' "way of life?" Again, keep the context in mind not only of this passage but the thrust of the book of Hebrews.

4. What does this say to you that we are to remember, consider, and imitate not only their words but the outcome of their way of life?

Words...

Way...

5. Write Hebrews 13:8 (next page)



6. Your friend is curious about Christianity and is also looking into other religions. How will the truth of Heb. 13:8 impact the way you share Christianity with her?

7. What kinds of teachings are we to avoid? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
How do these teachings contrast with the truth of Hebrews 13:8?

8. "...IT IS GOOD FOR THE HEART TO BE STRENGTHENED..." but it's important how...

By this...

Not that...

What was the result for those who were devoted to these "ceremonial foods?"

By contrast, what are some of the benefits we receive as a result of being "strengthened by grace?"

### Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

The Greek word translated "foods" - βρώμασιν (brōmasin) refers especially to ceremonial foods and foods governed by the Old Covenant – what could and couldn't be eaten.

## ...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

What was the central, visual, focus of the very first temptation and sin? Essentially – food. Satan didn't hold up a twig and tempt Eve with that. He didn't wave a leaf in front of her, "Ooooooh...don't you want to try this green waxy leaf?" Nope. Satan pointed to a tantalizing fruit and used that as a way to distract, twist, and cast doubt on God's perfect word, and like Solomon wisely said, "There's nothing new under the sun." The author of Hebrews is all over this temptation by warning us not to be swayed by leaders who teach that we can find strength in ceremonies and their foods. Instead, we must remain faithful and remember what God has already said, "Taste and see that the LORD is good!" Our strength is found in Him, in His grace, in His provision....be satisfied in Him. Anything that distracts us from the never-changing gospel of Jesus Christ is a problem. The author isn't giving us a list of all the various "diverse and strange teachings" but he's using the issue of "foods" that apparently had come up to remind us of the priority of grace over the law. While you may not be tempted today to go live under the Old

Covenant Laws, are you tempted in other ways to find strength outside the grace of God? Don't! No matter what you're dealing with, always be assured of the truth that the grace of God is sufficient. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

# ...Lesson Thirteen - Day Seven...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 13:5-6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passage for today: [Hebrews 13:9-16](#)

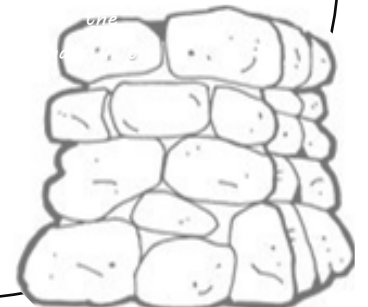
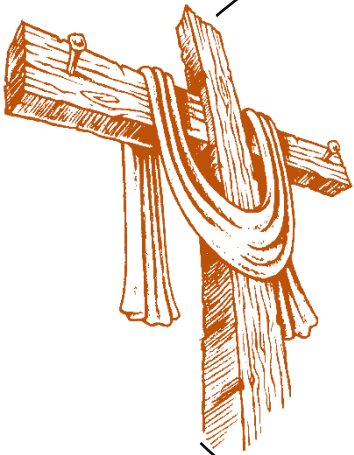
...DWELL IN THE WORD...

You'll note that we backed up and included 13:9 in today's passage. Keep that teaching in mind as you read today. Also, don't lose the greater context of Hebrews as you consider today's passage. The author has repeatedly turned our focus to Moses, the Law, the Tent, and the former sacrificial system and contrasts that with Christ – through whom and by whom we have something better.

1. Who gets to be included in the "we" the author is referring to in 13:10? (Consider 13:7-9.)

2. Compare and contrast our privilege at the altar – the New Covenant – with the altar of the Old Covenant:

What kind of sacrifices were offered? What was the effect? What rights are afforded there? Anything else?



3. Priests were permitted by the Old Covenant law to eat of the sacrifices that were offered, with one exception. Read [Leviticus 16:27](#) which explains what was to be done with the scapegoat sacrifice. Where was that offering taken and what was done with it?
4. Read [Hebrews 9:13 and 13:12](#). What was the purpose of Christ's suffering?
5. Why do you think the author is urging them/us to go "outside the camp?" What are the tempting alternatives? Consider [Hebrews 12:1-2, 28 and Hebrews 13:9](#).
6. How should we respond, and what should be our complete focus? Read and paraphrase Hebrews 13:13-16.  
*I'm really am hopeful as you answer this, that you will draw from what you've studied in earlier chapters! Get that Bible scholar hat on and make those connections, my friend! Include references to other chapters as you are able.*
7. THINK BACK...CONNECT AHEAD...Read [Hebrews 10:1](#). What was sacrifice like under the Old Covenant?
- A sacrifice of praise isn't event a new idea! Read [Psalms 50:14, 23; 107:22; 116:17](#). Consider then, the point and nature of our sacrifice to God now that we can come through Christ. Re-read Hebrews 13:15-16. Do you see it? How does our daily life remind you of the nature of the Old Covenant sacrifice?
8. How would your life look different if you lived out Hebrews 13:15-16 consistently starting today? How would your church be impacted? Your work? Your family? Marriage?

Consider this challenge: For the next 3 days begin and end each day intentionally living out these verses.  
Then, ask a Bible study friend to join you so you can connect and see how it goes.

## ...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

Not too long ago a young lady asked me what my church was like. She hadn't attended church in several years but was thinking that she might go back. "I stopped going because there were so many hypocrites there. What's your church like?" I could tell that my response really caught her off guard: "We have a ton of those at our church too – you know, hypocrites."

She didn't quite know what to say and she thought I was joking. I wasn't...well, I was a little. But I was trying to be a bit provocative so I could help her see that her priorities in church searching were never going to get her what she was looking for. "Our church is full of humans." I said. "I'm afraid that if you're looking for a church with no hypocrites, fakes, people with issues or personality problems, you're going to have to just give up now." She giggled a little uncomfortably and I added, "What you will find at our church is real people who love Jesus. I'm not sure what they were like before I started attending, but when I arrived, they definitely had a hypocrite attending – me. I'm inconsistent, annoying, self-centered, and hypocritical. I don't always do the things I ought to do, and I'm even paid to be a teacher of the Bible! What I do have is a love of God and a thankfulness for what God has done for me. I don't mess around with thoughts that I'm better than anyone else. I'm really probably a lot than others. I'm just so ridiculously thankful that I have a church where I can go and be among people who get that. I'd say, we're just really real at our church. At least we try to be. Do you still want to come?"

I could tell that she was still pretty shocked by my response, so I added: "Here's how I think about it, church is centered on Jesus and unlike me, he's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Our church is where you'll find truth in Jesus – not in people who will eventually let you down. Now, how does that sound?"

"That sounds like exactly the sort of church I could get into."

Yep. Me too.

I pray that as you conclude today's study you're seeing the same priorities. We are here to "continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God." And what is that praise? It's the "fruit of lips that acknowledge His name!"

We exist to "share what we have" – our money? Our time? Our perfect lives? – no. Christ. We have Christ. If I can bless someone with money and time I'll thank God for that as well, but above all else, I share the best of what I have and that is Jesus Christ.



may my life  
be a continual  
sacrifice of praise  
to god

hebrews 13:15

# ...Lesson Thirteen - Day Eight...

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 13:5-6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passage for today: [Hebrews 13:7, 17-19](#)

...DWELL IN THE WORD...

1. The author has already established the kind of leaders that this church group had. Sum that up from Hebrews 13:7

Keeping that in mind, the author lays out how leaders and those in their church are to engage and behave...

2. What two exhortations does the author give regarding leaders in 13:17?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ and 2) \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of attitude should/shouldn't the church have when they obey and submit?

3. This kind of exhortation is not unusual in the New Testament letters. Read [1 Thessalonians 5:12-13](#) and [1 Timothy 5:17-18](#). How are we to respond to church leaders?

4. What is the leader's responsibility?

5. How is this passage a reflection of the author's earlier exhortation in 3:12-13?

6. How will leaders be held accountable? Read also [1 Peter 5:2-4](#) and [James 3:1-2](#)

7. How would those under a leader make it so that they could lead with “joy and not with groaning?”

8. Church life takes on the personality of its leaders but it is also a reflection of the culture and even the location of the church. The way a formal Presbyterian church in southern Mississippi functions will feel very different from the way a relaxed non-denominational church in southern California functions. Even still, God’s Word is the same for all. How would you live out the exhortation to “obey and submit” to your leaders in your church today?

9. What does the author’s request in 13:18-19 reveal about his heart in ministry?

### Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

#### UNIQUE WORD ALERT!

The word translated “no advantage” (ESV) is the Greek word **ἀλυσιτελής (alysiteles)**. The idea of the word describes the *lost benefits* from making a poor choice. It’s also a medical term used by none other than Hippocrates who used it in the sense of “unfavorable” symptoms.

## ...REFLECT ON THE WORD...

I’ll be honest, the words “obey” and “submit” from today’s passage make me bristle a bit...ok, a lot. I hear those words and I honestly think two things: “Nope.” I’m a grown up, so the only person I’ll obey or submit to is Jesus. Then I read a verse like this and I re-read it, and I look it up in the Greek and in several translations, I keep coming back to the basic, clear, teaching:

You’re in the body of Christ? You obey your leaders and submit to them. Period.

The second thing I think is, “Yikes! *I’m* a leader!” I’m immediately wide-eyed with the reality that in the role the Lord has me, I lead. I teach. I am called to point people faithfully to Jesus. The thought that the church is called to “obey and submit” is an uneasy one for me on these two counts. Proverbs 23:26 comes right to my mind: “*My son, give me your heart and let your eyes observe my ways.*” As a mom, a teacher, and now a pastor, this verse has been at the heart of my ministries at home and at work. My desire is to reach the heart of my son, my students, and those I lead in ministry but more than that, that I would have ways worthy of observing. That nothing I would do would distract someone from the gospel – that nothing I would do would stumble someone looking to me. I take seriously and with great fear the admonition in James that “not many of you should become teachers...for those who teach will be judged with greater strictness.” Wow and again, Yikes!

In this closing exhortation, the author makes an important call not only to his church, but to the church today. There are two qualifiers – First, these are leaders who are teaching a Jesus-centered Word of God. Secondly, those who obey and submit need make it a joyful experience for their leaders. I think we’ve lost this in the church today – especially in the non-denominational, So-Cal, chill-church mindset. We have no room in our theology for anyone else to be in charge except ourselves...well, Jesus sure, but mostly me-myself-and I call the shots. Think about your approach to church life and how you respond to your leaders...do you respect your leaders and submit to their decisions or are you resisting decisions and pouty about changes? Are your personal preferences taking priority over the gospel mission led by the leaders? If you are at a church with leaders who are faithful to the gospel, are you obeying and submitting or dishonoring and resisting? Are you facilitating an environment where your leaders can lead joyfully? Or are your attitudes causing them to grumble and groan under that burden? Wherever your heart is in this, at the very least you can be praying for your leaders today. Take a page from this letter to the Hebrews of the early church and add it to your notebook today. Pray for me as I continue to teach and lead, and pray for one another, that our churches would be ones of biblical obedience and submission.





# ...Lesson Thirteen - Day Nine..

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 13:5-6

...PRAY THEN READ THE WORD...

Pray for wisdom and understanding then read our passage for today: [Hebrews 13](#)

...DWELL IN THE WORD...

There's no way to end this study that isn't filled with a great deal of emotion for me. It's the hardest thing I've ever written and most challenging thing I've ever taught through. It's been a powerful experience for many of you as well.

If you've been with me through the whole of this amazing book and truly embraced the heart and spirit of doing an actual Bible study, then you have been on quite a journey.

Our closing day of study is simply this, to read this prayer and to hear the voice of the author – truly the Holy Spirit – speaking it over you today:

*Now may the God of peace  
who brought again from the dead our  
Lord Jesus  
the great shepherd of the sheep  
by the blood of the eternal covenant...  
may He  
equip you with everything good  
that you may do His will  
working in us that which is please in his sight  
through Jesus Christ  
to whom be  
glory forever and ever  
Amen.*

I have a few notes and comments to wrap up this passage as well...please join me for the podcast Bible study on Facebook, YouTube, or the Dwelling Richly podcast for this day's full teaching and study.



# ...Lesson Thirteen - Day Ten..

...WRITE & MEMORIZE THE WORD...

HEBREWS 13:5-6

You're chatting with a friend over lunch...complete this conversation...

Hey, what's the book of Hebrews about?



How did studying Hebrews change you?



Which verse was the most important to you? Why?



May the Word of Christ  
dwell in you richly.

Love,  
Jennifer



# Hebrews \_\_\_\_\_



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You are Loved  
and  
Prayed for.



