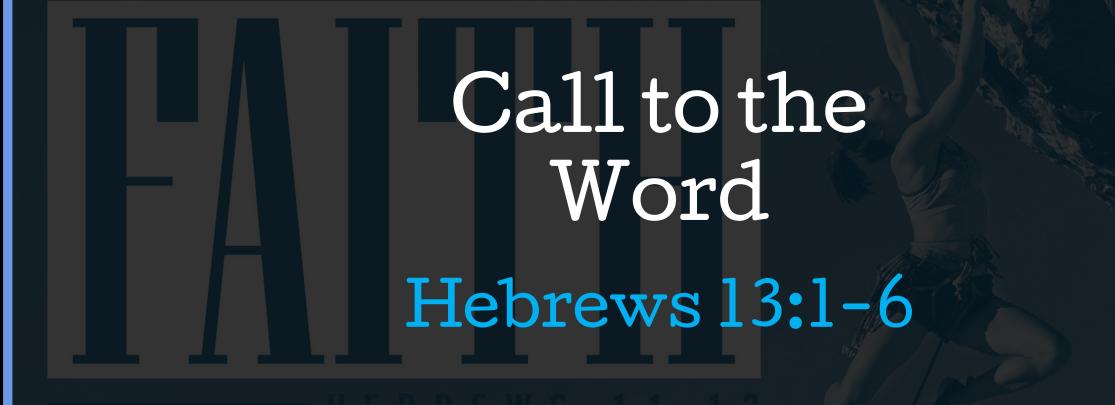




"Five Expressions of Authentic Faith" Hebrews 13:1-6





Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels. Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.

Hebrews 13:1-6



Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU." So we may boldly say: "THE LORD IS MY HELPER; I WILL NOT FEAR. WHAT CAN MAN DO TO **ME?**"

Hebrews 13:1-6



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intro

"It's not what you look like, when you're doin' what you're doin' It's what you're doin' when you're doin' what you look like you're doin'!"

- Charles Wright, 'Express Yourself'





The emphasis in the last three chapters of Hebrews has been on *living by faith*.

Heb 11 – great *examples* of faith in Heb 12 - *encouragements* to continue in faith Heb 13 - *expressions* of faith





Five Expressions of Faith

- Brotherly Love (v1)
- Hospitality (v2)
- Ministering to the Marginalized (v3)
- Honoring Marriage (v4)
- True Contentment (vv 5-6)





Objective: Express your faith authentically and genuinely.

"There is no division between doctrine and duty, revelation and responsibility." (unknown)



Expressing Faith through Brotherly Love

Heb13:1

Expressing Faith through Brotherly Love – Heb 13:1

Eros: sexual love Storge: familial love Agape: self-giving, unconditional love Philadelphia: brotherly friendship and affection.





Expressing Faith through Brotherly Love – Heb 13:1

Rom 12:10

...take delight in honoring each other...(NLT)

1Pe 1:22



Expressing Faith through Hospitality Heb 13:2

Expressing Faith through Hospitality – Heb 13:2

You extend hospitality to strangers by being friendly, cordial, and gracious, sharing the comforts of your home and doing your part generously... especially among the family of believers... and especially those you don't know well.

> "He who practices hospitality, entertains God Himself" (unknown)



Expressing Faith through Ministry to the Marginalized Heb 13:3

Expressing Faith through Ministry to the Marginalized – Heb 13:3

Remember: is in the present imperative calling for the readers to *continually* keep the prisoners in mind.



Expressing Faith through Ministry to the Marginalized – Heb 13:3

Jesus made it clear that to minister to a prisoner in the name of Christ was to minister to Christ Himself.

Mat 25:36, 38, 40











The primary purpose of sex between a man and a woman is to bond them together in a oneflesh relationship.



"...when two people come together physically, it is not only the melding of two bodies, but of two souls." (Pro 6:32)



"Christian sexual morality was unique in the pagan world and a source of wonder. And it has become increasingly so today in a world that considers adultery irrelevant, purity abnormal, and sex a 'basic human right' ... and that has invented the term 'recreational sex."

(Kent Hughes)



Pro 11:3 When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?

- Immorality perverts' theology -



Pergamum Rev 2:14, 16-

Thyatira Rev 2:20-23, 29

- Immorality perverts' theology -

Rev 2:29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."



Expressing Faith through True Contentment Heb 13:5-6

Expression of Faith by True Contentment – Heb 13:5-6

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have (NIV)

Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. (NLT)

Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. (MSG)



Expression of Faith by True Contentment-Heb 13:5-6

Be content - satisfied with one's possessions, status, or situation

Php 4:11 1Ti 6:6-8 Mat 6:25-34



Expression of Faith by True Contentment-Heb 13:5-6

Leave: a desertion, as in leaving one destitute and in deep trouble or distress, when they should be helping.



Expressing Faith by True Contentment – Heb 13:5-6

The faithfulness of God is reliable, His Word is true, and His promises are always good.

It is our initial response that sets the tone. We need to learn to give thanks at the beginning of every trial we face. (Php 4:6-7)



Expression of Faith by True Contentment-Heb 13:5-6

- Thank Him (in advance) for...
- the foundation we have in His Word
- the peace and strength He gives us to sustain us through difficult times, and
- the wisdom He gives to guide us through life's storms.

Ps 112:4-7



reflection

How are the expressions of your faith?

"When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8



- **1. Brotherly Love**
- **1. Hospitality**
- 1. Ministry to the Marginalized
- **1. Honoring Marriage**
- **1. Truly Content**



"For me, true contentment on earth means asking less of this life because more is coming in the next. Godly contentment is great gain. Heavenly gain. Because God has created the appetites in your heart, it stands to reason that He must be the consummation of that hunger. Yes, heaven will galvanize your heart if you focus your faith not on a place of glittery mansions, but on a Person, Jesus, who makes heaven a home." (Tada)



"The Lord is my shepherd, I got all I want."





