

Loving God in PRACTICAL Ways ~ Hebrews 13:1-6

→ Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-6

INTRODUCTION

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Hebrews 12:28 (NIV) ...since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so WORSHIP God Acceptably with Reverence and Awe...

Loving God by being HOSPITABLE ~ Hebrews 13:1-3

¹ Keep on loving each other as brothers. ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

1 John 4:21 (HCS) And we have this command from Him: The one who loves God MUST also love his brother.

³ Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

13:3 Remember those in prison as though you were in prison with them, and those ill-treated as though you too felt their torment. (NET)

APPLICATION

¹ Brotherly love MUST continue

Live out Our LOVE for God by...

- Showing HOSPITALITY
- CARING for those who are Suffering or in Prison

Hospitality- to be Welcoming in our Attitude- to Extend Friendship- open our Hearts and Homes

2 Timothy 1:16-17 (NIV) May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. ¹⁷ On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.

How Can we SUPPORT Suffering Christians today?

- Praying for them GENERALLY
- Praying for them SPECIFICALLY
- Sending GIFTS
- By WRITING Letters and sending HELP

Matthew 25:37-40 (HCS) Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or without clothes and clothe You? ³⁹ When did we see You sick, or in prison, and visit You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'

→Picture

Loving God by being Sexually PURE ~ Hebrews 13:4

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for **God will judge** the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

ALL of us Must...

- HONOR the Commitments of Marriage
- be COMMITTED to Sexual Purity

APPLICATION

Matthew 19:4-5 (NIV) ⁴ Haven't you read, He replied, that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and **be united to his wife**, and the two will become one flesh'?

How can we HONOR Marriage ?

- ACCEPTING it as part of God's Plan
- Having the highest RESPECT for Marriage
- Keeping the Marriage Bed PURE
- Single Remain Pure as you Wait For Marriage

Loving God by being CONTENT ~ Hebrews 13:5-6

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

⁵ Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. (NLT)

TAKE AWAY??

⁵ Keep your lives FREE from the love of money...

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV) But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we WILL be content with that. ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be CONTENT with what you have

Matthew 6:24 (NLT) No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve BOTH God and money.

⁵ Don't love money; be Satisfied with what you have. For God has said, I will never fail you. I will never abandon you. (NLT)