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Loving What God Loves

Hebrews 13:1-6

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Vs 1 “Let the love of the brethren continue...”

Why?

1) 1John 4:7,8 “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God…”

2) 1Cor. 8:1 “…Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.”

3) Col. 3:14 “…put on love which is the perfect bond of unity.”

4) 1Pet. 4:8 “Love covers a multitude of sins.”

5) 1Cor. 13:1-3 Without love I am nothing.

6) John 13:34-35. “…love one another, even as I have loved you…By this all men will know that you are My disciples.”

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How do I love when I don’t feel like loving?

- Love isn’t just a feeling, it is a choice.
- Love is a matter of obedience:
- “love one another as I have loved you.”

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Vs 2 “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

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Vs 3 remember the prisoners as though in prison with them and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.



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"I was in prison and you came to me."

Jesus
Matthew 25:36



Set Free Prison Ministries

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Vs 4 Let marriage be held in honor among all

and let the marriage bed be undefiled.

Proverbs 6:27 “Can a man take fire in his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? Or can a man walk on hot coals, And his feet not be scorched? So is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her will not go unpunished.”

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Vs 4 …fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

How ?

1) In our own bodies. 1 Cor. 6:18 “Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.”

2) In the final judgment. Rev. 21:8. “but for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone which is the second death.”

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1 Corinthians 6:9-11 “Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.”

How can we avoid sexual temptation?

1) Prevention is far better than cure.
2) Avoid sexually provocative stuff.
3) Avoid tempting situations and relationships.
4) Don’t dwell on the temptation, dwell on the consequences.

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Vs 5 Let your character be free from the love of money…

1Tim.6:9-10 “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.”

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Vs 5 …being content with what you have…

Why is it so difficult to be content?

1)From birth we are covetous by nature.

2)The influence of the advertising industry

3)The "help" of the banking industry:

600 million credits cards in the US.

Average credit card balance per holder:

$14,750 at approx. 15% interest.

4)The desire for instant gratification

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How can we learn to be content?

1Tim. 6:6-8 “But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.”

vs 5 … for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you nor will I ever forsake you.’

vs 6 so that we confidently say, the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?

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