

Let Love and Hospitality Abound!

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Hebrews 13:1-3

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Chapter 13 changes to Application

- Like many NT books, Theology followed by Application
- The Gospel affects the way we live life
- Shows us God's 2 great commands: love God, love others

1. We are called to love Fellow Believers Heb 13:1

the word for love is *philadelphia* - brotherly love

- **Biblical love requires Attention & Effort**
Heb 6:10; 1 Ths 4:9-10; 1 Cor 13:4-7
- **Biblical love grows from God's Great Love for Us**
Jn 1:12-13; Jn 13:34-35
- **Biblical love can be hindered by our Old Nature**
Agape love 1 Jn 3:16 is a choice
Philadelphia love is a bond between brothers & sisters
 - Beware of self-love & selfishness : Jame 4:1-3
 - Beware of pride - it hinder ability to love
 - Beware of impatience and intolerance : 1 Cor 13:4
 - Beware of the love of the world : 1 Jn 2:15
- **So How to Develop Biblical Love?**
 - Biblical love must be developed. Mt 22:37-40; Gal 5:14
 - Seek to be like Jesus. Rm 8:29; Mk 8:33; Mt 23:33
 - Seek to serve others, not be served. Mk 10:45
 - Seek to look out for the interests of others. Mt 7:12

2. We Must Focus on Being Hospitable Heb 13:2

- Inns in that day were dangerous so hospitality was key
- You might entertain angels^{Abraham&Lot}...
- You never know how important a small act might be in God's bigger plan!

3. We Must Remember Those in Prison Heb 13:3

- a call to remember fellow believers suffering in prison
- the gospel is desperately needed in prison

Apply: who is in your life that you need to love, be hospitable to, or reach out to them in their prison?

Philippians 2:1-11 Our encouragement in Christ...