

Hebrews 13:1-3 (NASB) Teaching Notes

Read through Hebrews 13 and circle each of the commands given in this chapter.

- “These first nine verses (plus more) are the ‘*Now what?*’ of the book of Hebrews.” ~ Scott Henderson

1 **Let** love of the brethren **continue**.

- “**let continue**” (μένω) = abide, tarry, not to depart, cf. **Jn.15**
- (φιλαδελφία)

Define “*love of the brethren*” in practical, everyday ways.

- **Ps.133:1** **Jn.15:13** (Roc) **Jn.17:20-23** (Lloyd) **1Thess.4:9-12** **1Jn.3:13-18**

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

- “**hospitality**” (φιλοξενία) = love to strangers.

What did “*hospitality*” (v. 2) mean in the 1st Century? What does it mean in the 21st Century in our Western culture?

- Abraham in **Gen.18-19** **Mt.25:35** **Ro.12:13** **1Tim.3:2** **Tit.1:8** **1Pe.4:9**

• Didache (“Teaching of the Twelve Apostles,” 50-120 A.D.) - Chapter 11: Concerning Teachers, Apostles, and Prophets – “*Whosoever, therefore, comes and teaches you all these things that have been said before, receive him. ... Let every apostle who comes to you be received as the Lord. But he shall not remain more than one day; or two days, if there's a need. But if he remains three days, he is a false prophet. And when the apostle goes away, let him take nothing but bread until he lodges. If he asks for money, he is a false prophet. ... But whoever says in the Spirit, Give me money, or something else, you shall not listen to him. But if he tells you to give for others' sake who are in need, let no one judge him.*”

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

What is the motivation to “*remember the prisoners*”?

- **Mt.25:36**