

### **Background Information**

If we are living according to the *hope* within *us* our lives should show evidence in the way that we live. It will be displayed in our relationships, our conduct and our submission to both God's will and those to whom God has given authority over us.

The Old Testament believers had a sanctuary and an altar that required physical rituals and observances. The New Testament believer is the *temple of God*. The New Covenant believer's altar is Jesus Christ, for it is through Him that we offer our "spiritual sacrifices" to God. The emphasis is on separation from dead religion, to identify with the Lord Jesus Christ and His reproach. Doing good and sharing are sacrifices that are well pleasing to God.

The readers of this epistle were looking for a way to continue as Christians while escaping the persecution that would come from unbelieving Jews. "It cannot be done," the writer stated in so many words. Get out of the Jewish religious system and identify with the Savior who died for you. There can be no room for compromise.

*. . . for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

Mark 12:32-33







Hebrews 13:7-17 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 13:18-25 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Refined as Gold - How can I apply it?**

How should it change me? Ask yourself, “What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?” (aim for 10 words or less)

Hebrews 13:1–6 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 13:7-17 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 13:18-25 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge:** Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.

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## Storing up Your Treasure . . .

### **For Discussion:**

What are some examples of *desiring to live honorably*? v 18

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What does the author mean “*bear with the word of exhortation*” in v. 22?

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What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

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**Checking for Clarity:** See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It’s fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

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Hebrews 13:18-25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Bars of Gold:** State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

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**Flex Your Muscles:** Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?

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### **Hide Your Treasure in your Heart**

. . . present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Rom 12:1-2

Radiating His Truth . . .

You can judge the quality of their faith from the way they behave. Discipline is an index to doctrine. - Tertullian

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*Message Notes*

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