

Hebrews: God's People (Hebrews 13:4-9)

1. Contentment with Marriage and Sex.

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV) *Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

Matthew 19:3-7 (ESV) *And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" 4 He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." 7 They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" A gift God gave us that He never wanted us to use.*

Romans 8:1 (ESV) *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Hebrews 12:5-11 (ESV) *And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

2. Contentment with Money and Stuff.

Hebrews 13:5-7 (ESV) *5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

Proverbs 10:4 (ESV) *A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.*

Matthew 6:21 (ESV) *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV) *As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*

3. Contentment with our Maker and Savior.

Hebrews 13:8 (ESV) *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

1 Kings 8:57-61 (ESV) *57 The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, 58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers. 59 Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires, 60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. 61 Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."*

Application: A few things to ponder this week.

- In your marriage are you content or are you complacent? Name one thing you will start doing to improve your marriage.
- What is one thing you need to get out of your life to improve your marriage?
- In your finances, are you content or complacent?
- Are you currently committed to honor God with your money? With your stuff?
- If you have not committed to giving 10% of your treasures begin to ask God to show you how you can reach that goal.
- In your walk with the Lord are you content or complacent? Commit to praying and reading at least one Bible verse DAILY.