Elijah: Give an example of someone in the OT who "entertained angels unawares."

Treasure Hunt Heb 13:2-8

- How can we afford to share our resources with others?
- Ben: Why should we help those in prison and affliction, according to our Lord?
- What error does the writer have in mind in the first clause of 13:4?
- Nate: What motive does the writer give for being faithful in marriage?
- Faith: What attitude cures greed for money?
- What two reasons does the writer give for not being greedy for money?
- Caitlin: What principle do shepherds teach us about how to care for a flock?
- Michael: Why is it important to consider "the end of [the] conversation" of a church leader?
- What does 13:8 have to do with the example of elders who have passed on?

Structure of Hebrews 10:32-13:25

10:32-13:25, The Life of the Sons of God

10:32-12:17, **Past** Witnesses

10:32-39, Example & Exhortation

- 32-34, Example
- 35-39, Exhortation

11:1-40, Examples (indicative)

12:1-17, Exhortation (imperative)

12:18-29, Warning

13:1-25, **Current** Examples

- 1-8, in Conduct
- 9-17, in Worship
- 18-25, in Fellowship

7, 17, 24 them that have the rule over you

Exhortation	Motive
1 Let brotherly love continue	
2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers	for thereby some have entertained angels unawares
3 Remember them that are in bonds, and them which suffer adversity	as bound with them; as being yourselves also in the body
4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled:	but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge
5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have:	for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Rom. 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; **given to hospitality.**

1Tim. 3:2 A bishop then must be ... given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be ... 8 ... a lover of hospitality, ...

3Jn 1:5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; 6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: ... 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

13:2 Entertain Strangers



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Angels unawares ...

Abraham at the plains of Mamre (Gen 18:2; cf. 19:2 "the two angels") → birth of a son (Isaac)

Lot in Sodom (Gen 19) → escape from destruction **Manoah** and his wife (Judg 13) → birth of a son (Samson)

References on 13:2-3

2, God pays the check

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2Cor. 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

3 Remember them that are in bonds, ... and them which suffer adversity,

Matt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ... 40 ... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. ... 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

References on 13:4



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4 Marriage is [to be] honourable in all,

1Cor. 7:1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 **Nevertheless**, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

1Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 **Forbidding to marry**, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

References on 13:5-6

and be content with such things as ye have:

1Tim. 6:5 ... men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the **love of money** is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Deut. 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee

Matt. 28:20 lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Psa. 118:6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Them that have the rule over you

John 10:2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.



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1 Pet 5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being **ensamples** to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

References on 13:7

considering the end of their conversation.

Gal 5:7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

2Tim. 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have **finished** my course, I have **kept** the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Heb 3:6 But Christ [was faithful] as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope **firm unto the end.**