

“Divine Duties Pt. 2”
Hebrews 13:7-25
6/14/26
Message 27

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Divine Duties Pt. 2”

- **Remember Context – Running Start**

- **1. Doctrine Ends – (Hebrews 10:18)**
 - The Doctrine Section Showed
 - Connected the OT with NT
 - Jesus is Superior
- **2. Duty Begins - From Hebrews 10:19 until the end of the book**
 - Reason why they should NOT Quit
- **3. KEY - Paul is Writing to Discouraged Believers**
- **4. Paul's Instruction – For Staying The Course**
 - **1. Draw Near To God vv. 19-21**
 - BOLDNESS
 - **2. The Response Of Those Who Have Access To God vv. 22-25**
 - **Let Us**
 - Hold Fast Confession of our Hope
 - Consider – Others
 - Don't Forsake the Fellowship

- **3. The Problem With Willful Rejection vv. 26-31**
- **4. The Reminder Of The Heavenly Reward vv. 32-39**
- **5. Keep the Faith Chapter 11:1-7**
 - Hall of Faith – Great Examples to follow
- **6. RUN Your RACE 12:1-2**
 - 1. We Are ALL CALLED TO RUN In The RACE Jesus has given us
 - The Race is NOT **For SALVATION**
 - 2. The RACE is about Experiencing THE Fullness of Christ / your Christian Walk
 - Experiencing all that the Lord has for you!
 - Abiding IN CHRIST
 - Surrendering your life to Him everyday
 - Knowing HIM fully
 - Summed up in (Philippians 3:7-14)
 - 3. Keys to Running This Race
 - Reflect On The Cloud Of Witnesses v. 1a
 - Refuse To Be Ensured v. 1b
 - Run With Endurance v. 1c
 - Remain Focused On Jesus v. 2a
 - Remember Jesus' Example vv. 2b-3
 - 4. It Will Involve “Divine Training – No Pain No Gain”

- What Is God's Chastening – Discipline? vv. 3-4
 - Correction
 - Jonah Is our Object lesson for that
 - Doing Something Right - Instructions
 - Job will be our object lesson here
 - Prevention
 - The case of Paul in (2 Corinthians 12)
 - Motivation
 - The Early Church Will be our Object Lesson
 - Sometimes It's NOT EVEN ABOUT YOU
 - Hananiah, Michelle and Azariah
- What Do We Learn From God's Chastening – Discipline? vv. 5-11
 - God A Loving Heavenly Father knows what we need
 - A Sign that He loves US We are His
- 5. The Exhortation To FINISH STRONG
 - The Concern vv. 12-17
 - Don't be Weak – Get up - keep going
 - The Contrast Between Old & New vv. 18-24
 - You came to Mt Zion – GRACE

- Not Mt Sinai – LAW
- The Challenge vv. 25-29
 - Hear & Do what God has Called us to do
- It MATTERS how we LIVE THIS LIFE
 - Thank You Lord for GRACE & SALVATION
 - NOW We are live OUR lives with REVERENCE & GODLY FEAR
 - Our LIVES MUST be marked by CHANGE
 - Our LIVES MUST be marked with Obedience
- 6. From General Responsibilities to Specific Responsibilities
 - Divine Duties
 - God gives us 10 specific duties
 - Part 1 - Last Week
 - Respond With Love Toward The Needs Of Others vv. 1-3
 - Be Committed To Brotherly Love
 - How You Treat Those Outside Your Family
 - And Those Who Are Suffering Difficult Times
 - Reaffirm Your Loyalty To God's Institution Of Marriage v. 4

- It Deals With Our Attitudes
- It Deals With The Act Of Sexual Fulfillment And Gratification
- Resist The Love Of Money vv. 5-6
 - We Need Contentment
 - We Need Confidence
 - We Need Courage

• **Now This Morning The Last 7 Divine Duties**

- Remember To Follow The Examples Of Godly Leaders vv. 7-8
- Refuse To Listen To False Teaching v. 9
- Realize What Your Faith In Jesus Will Bring To Your Life vv. 10-14
- Return All Glory & Praise To God vv. 15-16
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- Rely Upon The Lord To Do His Will vv. 18-21
- Regard This Exhortation As Essential vv. 22-25

Remember To Follow The Examples Of Godly Leaders vv. 7-8

• **1. Remember / Follow / Their Conduct Should Match v. 7**

- **1. Remember those who rule over you v. 7a**

Hebrews 13:7 (NKJV)

7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

- **Recognize and follow godly leadership in the body of Christ!!!**
 - That IS leadership shown to be Legitimate
 - By faithfulness to the Word of God

- By godly conduct
- **2. Whose faith follow v. 7b**

Hebrews 13:7 (NKJV)

*7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, **whose faith follow**, considering the outcome of their conduct.*

- **Such leaders should be recognized (remember those) and followed.**
 - Just as much as a church needs godly leaders
 - It also needs godly followers
 - God has given us pastors / leaders
 - We must do our parts to follow
- **3. Considering the outcome of their conduct v. 7c**

Hebrews 13:7 (NKJV)

*7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, **considering the outcome of their conduct**.*

- **Leaders DON'T need to be perfect**
 - But their lives should be marked
 - Power of Jesus is real in their lives
 - Their lives have been and are being impacted by Jesus
 - Transforms is evidence
 - Repentance – Humble – Meek
 - Yet BOLD in Christ
 - A faith that can be followed

- **4. Application**

- **1. BAD Pastors**

- **The CEO**

- Nothing wrong with a CEO in business world

- BUT a Pastor are called to be pastors NOT CEO's

- Pastors with a CEO Mind set

- USE People are objects for their Advancements

- Build the church on the peoples backs

- It's all about performance

- BALANCE

- Yes we are a body and

- Yes everyone has a part (1 Cor. 12)

- But these pastors demand, push, manipulate people

- So that the pastor – LOOKS GOOD

- No longer is the body being led by the HS

- They are being FORCED

- The Body must be led BY the HS

- When that happens you see your part and a ministry from God

- You Serve GOD not MAN
- This is the right heart
- This is what the Lord blessed
- **The Controller**
 - Those that wish to Control Other – POWER hungry
 - There are actually people who desire to control other people's lives
 - They prey on the weak
 - Makes them "FEEL" important
 - Illustration - The Shepherding Movement
 - Also called the Discipleship Movement
 - Was a controversial system of intense spiritual mentorship that emerged within Charismatic Christianity in the 1970s and 1980s.
 - While it began with the noble intent of fostering deep spiritual maturity, its extreme hierarchical structure often led to authoritarian control, spiritual manipulation, and emotional trauma.
 - Authority
 - Members were required to submit unconditionally to a personal "shepherd," who in turn submitted to higher regional leaders. The pastor's word was essentially equated with God's will, creating a

heavy sense of obligation and fear of defying "divine" authority.

- Micro-management of Daily Life
 - Believers were required to get permission or guidance from their shepherds for virtually every major—and often minor—life decision. This included career choices, financial investments, moving to a new city, and even choosing a spouse.
- Control of Information and Conscience:
 - Personal independence was broken down by forcing members to confess their innermost thoughts and sins to their shepherds. Members were often discouraged from reading religious literature that wasn't approved by the leadership.
- Fear of Ostracization
 - Leaving the movement or questioning the leadership was heavily penalized. Dissenters were often shunned, and leaving was portrayed as turning one's back on God Himself.
- **The Charlatan**
 - OUT for themselves
 - They engage in deception, tricks to manipulate others

- For Money, Power, Fame, ego, etc...
- Making a name for them selves
- Just a few examples of “pastors”– you should RUN From
 - Get away from them asap
- **2. Good Pastors**
 - No such thing as Perfect Pastor this side of heaven
 - But this is the man
 - Who Loves God
 - Loves his family
 - Loves the body of Christ
 - Who wishes to do God’s will
 - Paul gave a great example in 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
 - **A Minister Is Confident That God Will Do The Work vv. 1-2**

1 Thessalonians 2:1–2 (NKJV)

*1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain.
 2 But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.*

- He Recognized The Blessing Of God v. 1
 - Not In Vain
- He Refused To Be Discouraged By Persecution v. 2
 - He stands in there when times are hard

- He will not bail on the church
- He Encourages the Church to be brave

- **A Minister Is Committed To Integrity vv. 3-6**

1 Thessalonians 2:3–6 (NKJV)

3 For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit.

4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God is witness.

6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

- Their Message v. 3

- Did not come from Error v. 3a
- Or Uncleanness v. 3b
- Nor was it in Deceit v. 3c

- Their Motive vv. 4-6

- They Were Approved By God v. 4a
- They Were Accountable To God vv. 4b-5a
- They weren't into promoting an Agenda for selfish gain v. 5b
- They weren't into parading their authority v. 6

- **A Minister Will Be Concerned With Growth & Wellbeing vv. 7-9**

1 Thessalonians 2:7–9 (NKJV)

7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

9 For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

- In Their Care For Others vv. 7-9

- But we were gentle among you v. 7
- We were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives v. 8
- For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil v. 9

- Savants

- **A Minister Will Challenge You, In Your Walk With The Lord vv. 10-12**

1 Thessalonians 2:10–12 (NKJV)

10 You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;

11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children,

12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

- Remember Our Example vs. 10-11

- You are witnesses, and God also v. 10

- Respond By Living For The Lord v. 12

- Walk worthy of the Lord

- **Sum Up - The Good Pastor Will**

- 1. Teach You Truth
 - 2. Confront Your Sin
 - 3. Accept You As Family
 - 4. Hold You Accountable
 - 5. Aid Your Sanctification
 - 6. Keep You God-Focused
 - 7. Provide You Godly Fellowship
 - 8. Equip You For The Work Of The Ministry
 - 9. Provide A Place For You To Use Your Spiritual Gifts
 - 10. Help You Profess / Share Your Faith
 - 11. PRAY
- You find a pastor like this –
 - STAY – PRAY for them

- **2. The Character Of Our Lord Is What They Should Reflect v. 8**

- **1. Jesus Christ is the same v. 8**

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

- **The unchanging nature**

- Theologians call
 - Immutability of Jesus Christ

- God doesn't change over the ages!
- God can NEVER Change

▪ **How this Connects with verse 7**

- Most commentators
 - Wonder how and why Paul put these verses together
- One Thought
 - The context is referring to the example of godly leadership
 - *Guzik; "His unchanging nature provides a measure for all Christian conduct, particularly in the word and in worship."*
 - They themselves must work on being an example of Jesus
 - They MUST also Hold Fast to the Teachings of Jesus
 - We should not expect something completely "new" as if it were from a "new Jesus."
 - The nature of Jesus as it is revealed in the Bible is
 - The same nature of Jesus that should be seen in the church today.
- The NEED for something NEW?
 - REAL or NOT - Think about this for a minute

- The quest for something new – or fresh may not be bad
 - But it may not be good either
 - Nothing wrong with a new song or new bulletin
- BUT what is motivating YOU
 - That's the question
 - If God is our Portion
 - The contentment should mark our lives

Refuse To Listen To False Teaching v. 9

• **1. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines v. 9**

- **1. There is never a shortage of various and strange doctrines v. 9a**

Hebrews 13:9 (NKJV)

9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. *For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.*

- **Seem to deal with a return to Mosaic ceremonies and laws**
 - Can't go BACK –
 - There is nothing there
 - These were fulfilled in Jesus.
- **2. For it is good that the heart be established by grace v. 9b**

Hebrews 13:9 (NKJV)

9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

- Our hearts will only be established by grace.
 - We are Established by God Amazing Grace
 - And His Word
- It's Grace
 - Not what Food you eat
 - Not a certain day of the week.
 - Not which gift the H.S. has gifted you with
 - Not how often you take communion
- **3. Application**
 - **Lots of bad teaching out there**
 - The Prosperity Gospel
 - Also known as the "Word of Faith" movement, this teaches that financial blessings and physical healing are the direct reward for strong faith and financial giving.
 - Name It and Claim It (Manifesting)
 - The belief that believers have the power to speak things into existence, turning prayer from a humble request into a manipulative tool for personal gain.
 - Self-Esteem / Self-Love Exaltation:

- The elevation of human desires, self-worth, and self-love to the center of the Christian life
- Replacing the biblical call to self-denial, repentance, and service to others.
- Accommodation
 - Becoming like the Culture
 - There are teachings out there that we have to become like the culture to win the culture –
 - It will NEVER WORK
 - We MUST Never altar or change the message or standards
 - *“The truth is that the church's power over the world is in proportion to its separation from it.”*
- **How to Avoid False Teaching**
 - 1. Prayer
 - 2. Stay in the Word

Acts 17:11 (NKJV)

11 *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

- 3. Pay Attention
 - To Teaching
 - Do they take verses out of context to support a personal agenda?

- Beware of teachers who claim "special revelation" that contradicts or supersedes the Bible.

▪ *C.H. Spurgeon "Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right."*

- To Character

- Does their life reflect the "fruit of the Spirit" (love, gentleness, self-control) or do they exhibit arrogance, greed, and a lack of accountability?
- False teachers are often "self-willed" and despise authority.
- Watch how they talk about money and how often

Realize What Your Faith In Jesus Brings To Your Life vv. 10-14

- **1. We have an altar v. 10**

Hebrews 13:10 (NKJV)

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

- **1. Context**

- Their friends and relatives remaining in Traditional Judaism

- Labeled these Jewish Christians illegitimate

- Because they did not continue the Levitical system
– The Altar

- **2. The Answer**

- Paul insisted that we have an altar
 - Our altar is the cross – DBR of Christ
 - The centerpiece of the Christian gospel and understanding
 - (1 Corinthians 1:18-24 and 1 Corinthians 2:1-5).
- And BY the WAY
 - It is an altar that those who cling to the Levitical system have no right to.

• **2. Jesus... suffered outside the gate vv. 11-13**

Hebrews 13:11–13 (NKJV)

11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.
12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.
13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

○ **1. Context**

▪ **A reference to**

- The sacrifice is that of Yom Kippur - Day of Atonement
 - The blood of the animal is “brought into the sanctuary by the High Priest for sin.”
 - The bodies of those animals were carried to a place away from the tabernacle environs and burned.
 - Outside the camp means outside the outer fence that enclosed the tabernacle court.
 - A place considered UNHOLY

- Outside the Camp
 - The animals burned outside the camp – a picture of the Lord Jesus
 - He was crucified outside the city walls of Jerusalem.
 - It was outside the camp of organized Judaism that He sanctified the people with His own blood.

• **3. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come v. 14**

Hebrews 13:14 (NKJV)

14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

- **Jerusalem was dear to the hearts of those who served at the temple.**
 - It was the geographic center of their “camp.”
 - The Christian has no such city on earth
 - His heart is set on the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, where the Lamb is all the glory.

• **4. Application**

- **1. They should make a clean break with Judaism!**
 - 1. Then, they needed to come to Him...out of the old Jewish system.
 - 2. Today, we must step outside the gates of religiosity or legalism or any man-made system to find Christ.
 - 3. Since he died outside the camp He has made Himself accessible to anyone in the world who will come to Him.

- The entire religious system that teaches salvation by works, by character, by ritual, or by ordinances.
- Must be Rejected
- **2. Bearing His reproach**
 - We're going to have to learn how to bear His reproach
 - Suffer Persecution
 - Jesus said if they hated me they'll hate you...if they persecuted me to persecute you

Return All Glory & Praise To God vv. 15-16

- **1. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God v. 15**

Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

- **PRAISE**
 - It's Present Tense - Continually
 - The Bible says in everything give thanks
 - Constantly praising the Lord

- **2. But do not forget to do good and to share v. 16**

Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)

16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

- **But also in vs 16 another sacrifice is mentioned**
 - It pleases the Lord when we praise Him continually...

- But also look for ways to do good and to share

Recognize The Authority & Accountability Of Spiritual Leaders v. 17

1. Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive v. 17a

Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

- **We are to be submissive to the leaders God gives us**
 - **Assuming** they have the character mentioned in Hebrews 13:7!
 - We are simply told to obey those who rule over us.
 - Respect
 - Important you find a church where you can respect follow the pastor and church vision
 - Not the or the church is perfect
 - A Lot of Pastors / Methodes / Philosophy on how to do church out there
 - Find a church that is best for you
 - Support the Methodes / Philosophy
 - Find a church where you don't feel like you have to change the Pastor
 - NOTE
 - **People will come and go from a church –**

- Just because a person leaves does not always mean that the problem is with the church or pastor
- Many times the person leaving is the problem and the leadership will not talk about it
- Some actually came with agenda – wanted a platform

• **2. As those who must give account v. 17b**

Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

○ **1. Pastors have a HUGE Responsibility**

- Care – Watch out for your souls
- Judgment - Give an account
- TURN to (Ezek. 3)

Ezekiel 3:16–21 (NKJV)

16 Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

17 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me:

18 When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

20 “Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul.”

- Pastor MUST do what God Calls them to do – or run the risk...

James 3:1 (NKJV)

1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

- PLEASE NOTE HOW SERIOUS THIS IS!
- Hear my heart
 - This pressure alone makes this job very hard
 - I have felt that weight since day one

• 3. Let them do so with joy and not with grief v. 17c

Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

- **1. Let them do so with Joy**
 - Some people come to a church with an agenda
 - Power
 - To undermine
 - There is NO shortage of Christians out there that think they KNOW BETTER
 - Never sat in the shoes of a pastor
 - Never ran a church
 - Yet they know how everything should go

- Always trying to
 - Fix the Pastor
 - Fix the church
 - Fix his messages
- The burden is REAL
 - Every Pastor I know has experienced the hurt
- Paul says –
 - Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

• **Application – Pray for and Support – LIFT the arms of your pastor – Don't Tear Down**

- **1. The Perfect Pastor**
 - There is NO Such thing
 - Illustration - Source unknown
 - 1. After hundreds of years the perfect pastor's been found.
 - He is the church elder who'll please everyone.
 - 2. He preaches exactly 20 minutes and then sits down.
 - 3. He condemns sin, but never steps on anybody's toes.
 - 4. He works from 8 in the morning to 10 at night, doing everything from preaching sermons to sweeping.

- 5. He makes \$400 per week, gives \$100 a week to the church, drives a late model car, buys lots of books, wears fine clothes, and has a nice family.
- 6. He always stands ready to contribute to every other good cause, too, and to help panhandlers who drop by the church on their way to somewhere.
- 7. He is 36 years old, and has been preaching 40 years.
- 8. He is tall on the short side, heavy-set in a thin sort of way, and handsome.
- 9. He has eyes of blue or brown, (to fit the occasion) and wears his hair parted in the middle - left side, dark and straight, right side, brown and wavy.
- 10. He has a burning desire to work with the youth, and spends all his time with the senior citizens.
- 11. He smiles all the time while keeping a straight face, because he has a keen sense of humor that finds him seriously dedicated.
- 12. He makes 15 calls a day on church members, spends all his time evangelizing non-members, and is always found in his study if he is needed.
- Unfortunately - he burnt himself out and died at the age of 32.

○ **2. The Struggles are REAL**

- WHY PASTORS LEAVE THE MINISTRY by Fuller Institute, George Barna and Pastoral Care Inc.
- 61% of congregations have forced a pastor to leave. - Christianity Today

- 83% of clergy spouses want their spouse to leave pastoral ministry. - Hartford Institute for Religious Research
- 50% of pastors indicated that they would leave the ministry if they had another way of making a living. - Hartford Institute for Religious Research
- 90% of the pastors report working between 55 to 75 hours per week.
 - A Personal Note
 - Ministry is like the family farm
 - Always work that needs to be done
 - No real time off or on – it just ON
 - I punch in for duty in October 2001 – I will end my shift.... The day I die
- 80% believe pastoral ministry has negatively affected their families.
 - Many pastor's children do not attend church now because of what the church has done to their parents.
- 33% state that being in the ministry is an outright hazard to their family.
- 75% report significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry.
- 90% feel they are inadequately trained to cope with the ministry demands
 - How can you be - God has us a a great journey – Hold ON
- 50% feel unable to meet the demands of the job.

- 70% do not have someone they consider a close friend
 - A fact some pastors will grow distant the longer they pastor
 -  Hurt so many times the turtle up (Show Pic)
- 40% report serious conflict with a parishioner at least once a month.
- 50% have considered leaving the ministry in the last month.
- 50% of the ministers starting out will not last 5 years.
- 94% of clergy families feel the pressures of the pastor's ministry.
- #1 reason pastors leave the ministry - Church people are not willing to go the same direction and goal of the pastor. Pastor's believe God wants them to go in one direction, but the people are not willing to follow or change.
- Let me add one more
 - Many Christians – Simply don't understand the Pastors Role and their role
 - We pay the pastor – so the pastor does everything
 - Preach, janitor, administrator, etc...
 - The pastor is responsible for church growth?
 - The Pastors Job
 - Feed sheep
 - Given to study and teaching (Acts 6)
 - Decans rasied up to serve tables

- Equip Saints for the work of ministry (Ehp. 4)
 - The Bodies job
 - Do the work using their spiritual gifts
- The pastor is judged by worldly standards not Biblical
 - Bid church means pastor is doing a good job
 - Small church pastor is doing a bad job
 - Be careful not to fall into this thinking – a pastor must be judged by God's Standards not the worlds

Rely Upon The Lord To Do His Will vv. 18-21

• 1. The Power Of Prayer vv. 18-19

Hebrews 13:18–19 (NKJV)

18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.

19 But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

○ **1. Pray for us**

▪ Prayer -

- Prayer is the most important thing you can do for me

- I feel the prayers

• 2. The Person Who Made It All Possible v. 20

Hebrews 13:20 (NKJV)

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

- **1. Jesus made it all possible**

• **3. The Purpose Of All Of This Is Simply To Do His Will v. 21**

Hebrews 13:21 (NKJV)

21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- **1. Be Complete – Do His Will**

- Seeking to do His will glorifies Him ... to Him be glory forever and ever. Amen

Regard This Exhortation As Essential vv. 22-25

• **1. Bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words v. 22**

Hebrews 13:22 (NKJV)

22 And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words.

- **1. The writer to the Hebrews reminds us of his purpose.**

- His desire was to write a word of exhortation to encourage discouraged Christians, both then and now.

• **2. Know that our brother Timothy v. 23**

Hebrews 13:23 (NKJV)

23 Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

- **These final words give us a few tantalizing hints of the writer's identity.**

- PAUL

- **3. Greet All / Grace be with you all vv. 24-25**

Hebrews 13:24–25 (NKJV)

24 Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

- Remember the need of God's grace
 - Hold FAST to GRACE

Closing

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.