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A BETTER LEADER | HEBREWS 13:7-25



THREE INVITATIONS

1. To **remember, respond to, and pray** for our leaders.
2. To willingly embrace our **identities** as outsiders.
3. To **focus** primarily on Jesus.

1. To remember,
respond to, and
pray for our leaders.

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**. ⁸ **JESUS CHRIST** is the **SAME YESTERDAY** and **TODAY** and **FOREVER**.

HEBREWS 9-13

⁹ Do not be **LED AWAY** by **DIVERSE** and **STRANGE** teachings, for it is good for the heart to be **STRENGTHENED BY GRACE**, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

HEBREWS 9-13

¹⁷ obey your **LEADERS** and submit **TO THEM**, for they are **KEEPING WATCH** over your **SOULS**, as **THOSE WHO WILL HAVE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT**. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

HEBREWS 13:17-19

¹⁸ **PRAY FOR US**, for we are sure that we have a **CLEAR CONSCIENCE**, desiring to **ACT HONORABLY** in all things. ¹⁹ I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

HEBREWS 13:17-19

Do we even need
leaders?

“The world is like a drunken peasant. If one helps him into the saddle on one side, he will fall off on the other side.”

Do we even need leaders?

- Hurts and abuses.
- Rampant selfish individualism.
- Mistrust of motives.

**They guard, guide,
and govern.**

**Leaders must
model a life that is
shaped by Jesus.**

**We should exhibit a
Christ-empowered
responsiveness.**

17 Obey your leaders and submit [HAVE CONFIDENCE IN, BE RESPONSIVE AND DEFERRING] to them, for they are keeping WATCH OVER YOUR SOULS, as those who will HAVE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT [GOING TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU.]

HEBREWS לו:13

**This is made easier
– not easy – as we
pray for them.**

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HEBREWS 13:18-19

2. To willingly
embrace our
identities as
outsiders.

¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp.

HEBREWS 13:10-16

¹² So JESUS also suffered OUTSIDE THE GATE in order to **SANCTIFY** the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore LET US GO TO HIM OUTSIDE THE CAMP and bear the REPROACH HE ENDURED. ¹⁴ For here we have **NO LASTING CITY**, but we seek the city that is to come.

HEBREWS 13:10-16

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a **SACRIFICE OF PRAISE** to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ **DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD** and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

HEBREWS 13:10-16

3. To look primarily
to Jesus.

**8 JESUS CHRIST is the SAME YESTERDAY
and TODAY and FOREVER.**

HEBREWS 13:8

²⁰ Now may the **GOD OF PEACE** who brought again **FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS**, the **GREAT SHEPHERD** of the **SHEEP**, by the blood of the eternal covenant.

HEBREWS 13:20-25

21 **EQUIP** you with everything good that you may **DO HIS WILL**, working in us that which is **PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT**, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

HEBREWS 13:20-25

²² I appeal to you, brothers, **bear** with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you ***briefly***. ²³ You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.

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²⁴ Greet all your **LEADERS** and all the **SAINTS**. Those who come from Italy send you greetings. ²⁵ Grace be with all of you.

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