

Treasure Hunt

Heb 13:16-20

- Elijah: To whom should we “do good”?
- Gabriel: What is another translation of “communicate”?
- Nate: What OT story illustrates the distinction between these two sacrifices?
- Caitlin: What three principles does the NT emphasize about church leadership?
- Where is each of these reflected in Hebrews 13?
- Kyria: What is the literal meaning of “watch”?
- Faith: How should church leaders “watch for your souls”?
- How is Hebrews like a letter? How is it different?
- Ben: How many different references to prayer can you find in Hebrews 13?
- Michael: Who is to pray for whom in each one?
- What is the central request of the prayer of 13:20-21?

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

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

12:18-29, Warning

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

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

13:7, 17, 24 them that have the rule over you

13:10-12, A Contrast to Believe

10, A Contrast

- **We have** an altar
- **They have no** right to eat

11-12, Explanation (“for”)

- 11, the OT picture
- 12, the NT reality

The Christian's Sanctuary, 13:10-16

- 7:7 a better priest
- 9:23 better sacrifices
- 9:11 greater and more perfect sanctuary
- 7:22; 8:6 a better covenant
 - 8:1 we have such an high priest
 - 13:10 we have an altar

13:13-16, Two Exhortations to Follow

13-14, Separation

- 13, **Let us** go forth **therefore** ...
- 14, **For** ... no ... city

15-16, Sacrifices

- 15-16a, **Therefore let us** offer ...
- 16b, **For** ... God is ... pleased

16 But to **do good**

Mk 14:7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may **do them good**: but me ye have not always.

Num. 10:32 And it shall come to pass if thou wilt go with us, it shall even come to pass that in whatsoever things the Lord shall do us good, we will also **do thee good**.

and to **communicate**

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(“fellowship”)

Acts 2:42 ... the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

References on 15:16

and to **communicate** (cont.)

Rom. 15:26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain **contribution** for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. 27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

1John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have **fellowship** with us: and truly our **fellowship** is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Both:

Est 9:22 As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending **portions one to another**, and **gifts to the poor**.

13:16 “such sacrifices”

Doing good (to the poor):

Pr 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Mt 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.


Having Fellowship:

Mal. 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Sacrifices:

2Sa 24:24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing.

Reciprocity in the Assembly

Responsibility of Leaders	Responsibility of the Flock	Mutual Responsibility
<p>Heb 13:17b for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,</p>	<p>Heb 13:17a Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: 18 Pray for us ...</p>	<p>Heb 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.</p>
<p>1Pet. 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, ... 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.</p>	<p>1Pet. 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder.</p>	<p>1 Pet 5:5b Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility:</p>
		
<p>1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.</p>	<p>1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.</p>	<p>1Th. 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.</p>

References for 13:17-18

17 they watch for your souls

Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, **watch and pray**: for ye know not when the time is.

Luke 21:36 **Watch** ye therefore, and **pray** always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Eph. 6:18 **Praying** always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and **watching** thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Luk 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued **all night in prayer** to God.

18-25, the form of a Greek letter

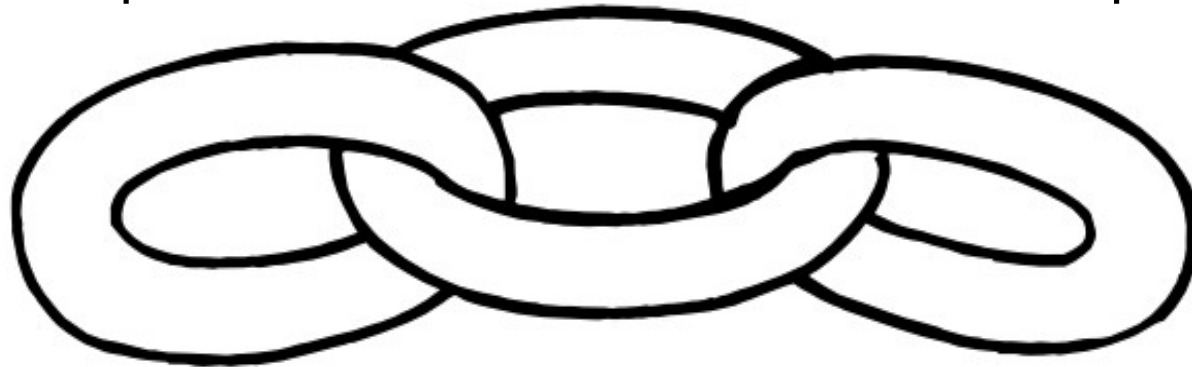
Salutation: Sender Recipient Greeting	Acts 23:26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.
Body	27 This man was taken of the Jews, ...
Closing	30b Farewell.

Chain of Prayer in Hebrews 13

Leaders pray
for People

People pray
for Leaders

Leaders pray
for People



17 your leaders
... watch for your
souls

18 pray for us

20-21 Now the God
of peace ... make
you perfect ...

1 Tim 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: **from such withdraw thyself.**

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

The Structure of 13:20-21

Note **three verbs**:

God	make	perfect	you
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The God

of peace

who **brought again** from the dead ...

through the blood of the everlasting covenant

our Lord Jesus,

that great shepherd of the sheep

make you perfect:

in every good work

to do his will

working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight

through Jesus Christ

to whom be glory for ever and ever