

# Live this Way

## Love . . .

"(v.1) Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love.

## Be ready . . . . .

(v.2) Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it.

## Regard prisoners . . . . .

(v.3) Regard prisoners as if you were in prison with them. Look on victims of abuse as if what happened to them had happened to you.

## Honor . . . . .

(v.4) Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex."

**Hebrews 13:1-4**

**The Message**

The New Testament is full of the command to love the people (brothers & sisters) in the church. Rather than speaking to a particular emotion, the emphasis in the New Testament focuses on the call to meet one another's needs

**# 1 - Continue to love!**

"Keep on loving"

"Let brotherly love continue"

"Stay on good terms with each other"

Loving each other is not simple or easy. Often loving is hard work. It is sustained by deep commitment to the fellow believers. This kind of love does not run on emotion, but on a growing commitment to Christ and His Church.

# 2- Extend **hospitality** to those who have around you. They may be within the church or they may be people you have just met.

Quick Quiz: Name the three Old Testament people who entertained angels without knowing it!

✓ **Abraham**: Genesis 18:6

✓ **Gideon**: Judges 6:11

✓ **Manoah** : Judges 13:2

Hospitality does not depend on a big dining room table, or a beautiful room or a really big pool. Hospitality is a matter of the heart. Hospitality simply means making other people feel comfortable and at home.

**To whom are you going to extend hospitality today?**

# 3- Regard **prisoners** and those who have been **abused**.

**KEY**→ experiencing empathy for those who have suffered these things personally.

Empathy is not sloppy sentimentality or uninformed concern. Rather, it is the movement of the Holy Spirit within you to understand and help others.

**Notice**→ :“as if you were there yourself” & “as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.”

# 4- **Honor** marriage; **guard** the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband.

**A-Emotional** intimacy→ a feeling of closeness with trust in your partner.

**B-Social** intimacy→between friends who share common activities and work.

**C-Sexual** intimacy→achieved by listening, learning, and loving your mate.

**D-Intellectual** intimacy→achieved through shared ideas and thoughts.

**E-Recreational** intimacy→involves having fun together.

**F-Spiritual** intimacy→involves sharing beliefs, worship, love for Christ.

Are you ready for this incredible life?