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Christian Responsibility to Others

Hebrews 13:1-3

In the final chapter of Hebrews we are given practical exhortations and expectations that describe our responsibilities as Christians.

I. We must show _____ to our _____ (1).

A. Brotherly love is _____ upon God's love for us

(Rom 5:8; 1 Jn 3:16, 4:11; Jn 13:34-35, 15:13).

B. Brotherly love _____ in specific ways

(1 Cor 13:4-7).

II. We must show _____ to _____ (2).

III. We must show _____ to the _____ (3).

My honored friend and brother . . . harken to a child who is willing to wash your feet. I beseech you, by the mercies of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, if you would have my love confirmed toward you . . . Why should we dispute, when there is no possibility of convincing? Will it not, in the end, destroy brotherly love, and insensibly take from us that cordial union and sweetness of soul, which I pray God may always subsist between us? How glad would the enemies of our Lord be to see us divided . . . Honored sir, let us offer salvation freely to all by the blood of Jesus, and whatever light God has communicated to us, let us freely communicate to others.

- George Whitefield to his Christian brother, John Wesley

If any Christian is condemned for Christ's sake to the mines by the ungodly, do not overlook him, but from the proceeds of your toil and sweat, send him something to support himself, and to reward the soldier of Christ. All money accruing from honest labor do you appoint and apportion to the redeeming of the saints, ransoming thereby slaves and captives and prisoners, people who are sore abused, and condemned by tyrants.

- The Apostolic Confession