

CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR REGARDING PERSONAL LIFE
(Hebrews 13:4-6)

- I. Demonstrate COMMITMENT in MARRIAGE (Heb. 13:4)
 - A. Marriage INSTITUTION is to be HONORED: as a PERMANENT, monogamous, heterosexual UNION (Gen. 2:18-24)
 - 1. HONORED by the TRINITY
 - a. The Father ESTABLISHED it (Mk. 10:6-9)
 - b. The Son BLESSED it with His first MIRACLE (Jn. 2:1-11)
 - c. The Spirit used it to DEPICT the relationship of CHRIST and the CHURCH (Eph. 5:25-32)
 - 2. ESTABLISHED for three reasons
 - a. To PROVIDE for human COMPANIONSHIP (Gen. 2:18)
 - b. To PRODUCE human OFFSPRING (Gen. 1:28)
 - c. To PREVENT human IMMORALITY (1 Cor. 7:2)
 - 3. CHARACTERISTICS for proper FUNCTION
 - a. Husband as LEADER and PROTECTOR (Eph. 5:23)
 - b. Wife as HELPER and GUARDIAN (Tit. 2:4-5)
 - c. Both in SELFLESS LOVE and RESPECT (1 Pet. 3:6-7)
 - B. Marriage RELATIONS are to be UNDEFILED (Eph. 5:3)

1. Not LESS HOLY than CELIBACY (1 Tim. 4:1-4)
 2. Not to be indulged OUTSIDE of MARRIAGE
 - C. VIOLATIONS to be JUDGED by GOD
 1. Indulging in relations BEFORE marriage: “FORNICATORS”
 2. Indulging in relations OUTSIDE of marriage: “ADULTERERS”
- II. Demonstrate CONTENTMENT with POSSESSIONS (Heb. 13:5)
- A. The evil of LOVING MONEY (1 Tim. 6:9-10)
 1. Will not provide SATISFACTION (Eccl. 5:10)
 2. Cannot produce SECURITY (Lk 12:16-21)
 - B. The evil of DISTRUSTING GOD (1 Tim. 6:17; Job. 31:24-28)
 1. Displayed by inordinate FOCUS on the MATERIAL
 2. Displayed by inordinate LONGING for WEALTH
- III. Demonstrate CONFIDENCE in the LORD (Heb. 13:6)
- A. Our need to APPRECIATE God’s GOODNESS (Rom. 8:28)
 - B. Our need to REALIZE God’s OMNISCIENCE (Lk 12:30)
 - C. Our need to CONSIDER what we DESERVE (Gen. 32:10)
 - D. Our need to RECOGNIZE God’s SOVEREIGNTY (1 Cor. 12:4-11)
 - E. Our need to UNDERSTAND true VALUATIONS (Col. 3:2)
 - F. Our need to FOCUS on CHRIST (Phil 4:8, 11-13)