## **Heading in the Right Direction**

(Hebrews 13)

The New Testament uses the word "walk" to describe one's lifestyle. Our lifetime is a journey, and most of us travel along a path of our own choosing. As Christians, we must learn and apply the teachings of the bible to assure that we are heading in the right direction. In the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of the letter of Hebrews, we find a condensed road map which will guide us into spiritual maturity. Although not conclusive, this passage gives a short, concise, plan for traveling down the narrow way. (*Matt. 7:13-14*)

- Develop Brotherly Love (v. 1) First and foremost, we must love God and our fellow man. Without love, all is in vain. (1 Cor. 13)
- **Be Benevolent** (v.2-3, 16) Care, compassion, and hospitality are the hallmarks of the path of righteousness.
- **Godly Relationships** (v.4) We must follow God's plan for marriage. Anything else, in any form is immoral.
- Avoid Greed, Be Content (v. 5) We must resist the temptation of riches. God will supply our needs and help us in times of trouble.
- **Remember Your Leaders** (v. 7, 17) God placed elders in the church to guide us in spiritual matters. Give them respect and honor.
- **Develop Knowledge** (v. 9) The best way to counter false teaching is to study and learn the scriptures for yourself.
- Worship Regularly (v. 15) God is seeking worshipers. Do so continually with the proper attitude and in truth of the scriptures.
- **Pray Often** (v. 18) Through prayer, we develop a close personal relationship with the Lord. Pray for others and yourself.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (v. 8)

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