

**SPECIFIC WORDS OF INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION**

1. Doctrines have been laid out
2. The practice of faith must ensue
3. How faith is to be practiced
  - a. In our personal life
  - b. In our public life
4. Specific directions are given

**SHOWING BROTHERLY LOVE TO EACH OTHER**

*Let brotherly love continue*

1. Brotherly love (φιλαδελφια)
  - a. Contains the idea of expressing love as a family towards each other
  - b. Taught by the Lord Jesus
  - c. Practiced by the Jerusalem church
2. Continue (μενω)
  - a. Essentially means to remain
  - b. Many things can threaten to hurt our bonds
  - c. It is easy to lose a sense of brotherly love

**SHOWING LOVE TO STRANGERS**

*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels*

1. Entertain strangers (φιλοξενια)
  - a. Contains the idea of showing love to strangers
  - b. Strangers
    - i. Not meaning "total strangers"
    - ii. Just that they are not from among our midst
    - iii. Fellow believers and saints
    - iv. They are in need
  - c. Example of Gaius (3 John 5)
    - i. He sent missionaries on their journey in a manner worthy of God
    - ii. He did it faithfully

2. Some have unwittingly entertained angels
  - a. A reference to examples in the Old Testament
    - i. Abraham
    - ii. Lot
  - b. An encouragement to care for strangers

### **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING**

*Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also*

1. Those who are mistreated
  - a. These have suffered for their faith
  - b. These have been persecuted and sent to prison
2. As if chained with them
  - a. Deep sense of identification
  - b. Deep sense of compassion
3. Since we ourselves are in the body also
  - a. We belong to the same body of Christ
  - b. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it ( *1 Corinthians 12:23*)
  - c. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep ( *Romans 12:15*)

### **BIBLE MEMORY**

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