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Paul wrote about the importance of good works:

Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not high-minded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; <sup>18</sup> that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; <sup>19</sup> laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is *life* indeed (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

How well are you staying active in doing good works for God and others?

### **Prayer for Others (vv. 18-19)**

The author wrote to pray for others to in order to stay faithful:

Pray for us: for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things. And I exhort you the more exceedingly to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

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made “for all men” (1 Timothy 2:1).

How well are you praying for others? Let’s all be unselfishly considerate of others in prayer.

Christian friend, do you find yourself drifting and falling away? Stagnant? How do you compare with these marks of Christian maturity found in Hebrews 13? Practical, daily, active service will help to keep you faithful and spiritually alive.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

## Marks of Christian Maturity - Part 2

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In Chapter 13 of the book of Hebrews, the author wrote about the practical, daily Christianity that would keep these Christians faithful. He lists several things, that if they would do them, they would stay faithful to the Lord. Let us continue to consider the practical marks of Christian maturity from this great chapter.

### **Obedient Submission** (vv. 7, 17, 24)

The author wrote to be obedient and submissive to the elders in order to stay faithful:

Remember them that had the rule over you, men that spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with grief: for this were unprofitable for you.

Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

Elders (also known as bishops) are

a part of the organization of the local church:

Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood (Acts 20:28)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus that are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: (Philippians 1:1)

How well do you submit to and obey the elders. The elders (bishops) are overseers. They are over the local church and the local church is under their rule. They are to be setting the right example for the local church and the church is to be following their lead and example.

### **Steadfastness** (vv. 8-9)

The author wrote to be steadfast in Jesus Christ in order to stay faithful:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever. Be not carried away by divers and strange teachings: for it is good that the heart be established by grace; not by meats, wherein they that occupied themselves were not profit-

ed.

Paul wrote of the importance for the Christian to be grounded and steadfast in the faith:

if so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all creation under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister (Colossians 1:23).

How well are you staying fixed and grounded in Jesus and in his word?

### **Doing Good** (vv. 15-16,21)

The author wrote to continue doing good works to stay faithful:

Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. <sup>16</sup> But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight...

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