

# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.*

*If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.*

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**“THE GRACE LIFE”  
PART III**

Hebrews 13:17-25

May 25, 2014

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- 1. *“Let love of the brethren continue”***
- 2. *“Don’t neglect to show hospitality to strangers”***
- 3. *“Remember the prisoners”***
- 4. *“Marriage is to be held in honor by all”***
- 5. *“Be free from the love of money, be content with what you have”***
- 6. *“Remember those who led you,”***
- 7. *“Do not be carried away by strange doctrines. . .”***
- 8. *“Let us go out to Him outside the camp . . .”***
- 9. *“Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise. . .”***
- 10. *“Do not neglect doing good and sharing. . .”***

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# 1 Tim 3:1-7

- 1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.
- 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,
- 3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.
- 4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity
- 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),
- 6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.
- 7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

# Qualifications for an Elder/Pastor-Teacher

## Character

Above reproach  
Man – husband of one wife  
Temperate/Self controlled  
Prudent  
Respectable  
Hospitable  
Not addicted to wine  
Gentle  
Peaceable  
Free from the love of money/Not fond of sordid gain  
Manages household well  
Children under control  
Not a new convert  
Good reputation outside the church  
Not accused of dissipation and rebellion  
Not self-willed  
Not quick tempered  
Not pugnacious  
Sensible  
Just  
Devout

## Abilities

Able to Teach

## **James 3:1**

3 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

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## **1 Peter 5:1-4**

5 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

## **2 Cor 2:17**

17 For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

## **2 Tim 2:15-16**

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

## **1 Tim 5:19-20**

19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

20 Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.

## ***12. "Pray for us . . ."***

18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

### **Eph 6:19**

19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

### **Rom 15:30**

30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

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*“God of peace”*

**Rom 5:1**

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

*“Who brought up from the dead”*

**1 Cor 15:17**

17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

*“the great Shepherd of the sheep”*

**John 10:11**

11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

*“through the blood of the eternal covenant”*

**Heb 12:24**

24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood,

*“even Jesus our Lord”*

**Rom 10:9-10**

9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

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## **Phil 2:13**

13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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