

Spice rack answers for spice rack mentality; nothing untouched! Practical app! Effort/intentionality; expands idea of worship: moment by moment reality not just 1hr/wk, important as that is! Ethics.
Prop: A life of worship includes contented love, sacrificial obedience, and heartfelt submission!

1. Live a life marked by contented love! (13:1-6)

We've largely become ineffective in world because we're just like them; called to look like/live differently; sadly, we live like/look differently! Hopes, dreams, motivations, past times, spending habits, viewing patterns. Every moment we're worshipping! Problems in world: discipleship issues.

Begins w/5 areas that should be marked by love; drastically different than world/priorities. **1.Bros** (church); Philadelphia; tolerate; like/love; deep seated love for those redeemed! World: watching; not compelled by division, argument, splits: **Jn13:34-35!** **2.Strangers:** offer refreshment; transient; how do we do it? Leverage all we have for others; regardless of how it compares to FB/IG! Hospitality.

3.Imprisoned: body (not of X; in your body); though you were suffering as they are! Do we see/enter into lives of others; alleviate suffering/needs. It will cost you: time, convenience, money. To live a life of love means scheduling time for it. **4.Spouse:** key: honor (high view), as defined by God: ballast against immoral (porneia)/adulterous (any sexual activity w/anyone not married). Gospel: **Eph5:25!**

5(-6).God: cf money: offers safety, security, joy, identity, satisfaction; makes an alluring but horrible sub for God! Call to contentment: rooted in char/promises of God; Ps118:6: SL: vv**21,29!** Worship includes love; **Guthrie**, "Beds and bankrolls cannot be separated from theology."

2. Live a life marked by sacrificial obedience! (read 13:7-9)

Focuses their attention on past leaders, similar to ch11. Remember how they lived, their faithfulness, consistency of message/life. They spoke the Word to you and lived it out in your presence. Imitate: mimic, copy/trace pattern. 1Cor11:1, "Imitate me as I imitate X." Always pattern! Founded upon gospel, rooted in faithfulness of X! Your turn! Discipleship: be; make! Not, "Do as I say not as I do!"

Roots their faithfulness in the eternality and sacrifice of X! For those struggling to persevere/keep going, he points them backward/heavenward before pointing them forward! Way to make progress: remember those who've gone before us and focus on eternal Son of God, reigning/interceding!

Must keep His grace/teachings central. Secondary issues are important; primary! Disagree about sp gifts/end times; not atonement, Word, Trinity! Here: food (Temple practices); gospel: 1st import: **1Cor 15:3.** Uses their flawed approach to food: remind them of gospel/call them to sacrificial obed: **10-16.** Identity in Him; not protection of **walls**; He is our protection! As pilgrims; city to come! Sing/do good!

3. Live a life marked by heartfelt submission! (read 13:17-19)

Leading/shepherding church: difficult! Sheep: notoriously difficult to corral/move to greener pastures. Personality of each is different. Some: easy to lead; others reluctant. Some joyful; cantankerous. Vision: rallying people to better future. Aim in pastoral leadership/church ministry: watch over your souls. Not just a matter of convincing you to do what you don't want to! Soul: see what you may not!

Call: obey/submit: impv. Obey: conform actions; submit to authority of. Submit: ready to comply; be alert, wide awake, ready! All under Lordship of X/His authority! We should display fruitfulness req'd here; worthy of emulating/following! Plurality! We'll give an account: **James3:1; Acts20:26!**

Hope is that it's done joyfully; not begrudgingly or w/groans! It is! Not always been the case in my ministry exp/churches we've served. Not that everyday is supposed to be easy. Difference between Whew! and Ugh! Whew: pulling together/same direction. Ugh: carrying you/your weight/dragging you along! Clear mission/vision/task before us! Are you on board? Last hope: pray for us; clarity/passion!

Recap: A life of worship includes contented love, sacrificial obedience, heartfelt submission! No days off! **Calvin**, "Let him who would engage in the duties of love prepare himself for a life of labour."

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