

## Hebrews 13:7 - 9

*After reading Hebrews 13: 7 – 9, answer the following questions and ponder the following thoughts:*

1. Identify the people in your life who are currently teaching you the Word of God?
2. Who are some people in your past who taught you the Word of God? Can you identify some saints who have passed in your life, but they faithfully taught you the Word of God while they were living on earth?
3. Can you list at least three (3) vital truths that you have learned from them?
4. What have the spiritual teachers in your life told you about:
  - a. God
  - b. Jesus Christ
  - c. The Holy Spirit
  - d. The Bible
  - e. Sin and Repentance
  - f. The Devil (Satan)
  - g. Eternal Life
  - h. Death and Eternal Judgment
5. What is your overall basic feeling about those who you listen to teach the Word of God? Is it positive or negative? If negative, why do you continue to listen to them?
6. As far as you can tell, are the actions and words of those who teach you in agreement with the Word and Spirit of God? (In other words, do they seek to practice what they preach?) (Do you feel in your heart that God wants you to remain “under the teaching” of those you listen to regularly?)
7. According to Hebrews 13:7, what are the 3 things we are to do in regards to spiritual rulers? And, do what according to Hebrews 13:17, 18 and 24?
8. Now, read Hebrews 13:7 along with Hebrews 13:17, what is the responsibility of “those who rule?” What is their responsibility according to verse 18?
9. Remember: The main thing to watch for when discerning leaders is: 1) their words, and, 2) their conduct.
10. Remember: The better that you “know Jesus Christ,” the better you will be able to discern between truth and error.
11. Commit Hebrews 13:8 to memory: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
12. Remember: “Know Jesus Christ” and then, “Hold Fast” to what you know! Because if you don’t, the result will be “what” according to Hebrews 13:7? Define the word “carried.”
13. Reference scriptures: Matthew 24:4, 5; Galatians 1:8, 9; Ephesians 4:14, 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 4:2 – 4; 1 John 2:22 – 24; 1 John 4:1