



## WHERE TO FIND HELP "Improving Your Attitudes" Hebrews 13:1-6

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Clement Stone said, "There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. That little difference is attitude."

### I. Improving Attitudes Toward People.

- A. The prevailing attitude of the believer. v. 1
  - 1. A loving attitude to brothers—"philadelphia."
    - a. Brothers of one brother. 2:11
    - b. Children of one Father. 12:9
    - c. Members of one family. 2:11
  - 2. A lasting attitude to dissidents—"let it remain."
- B. The practical applications to believers. vv. 2-3
  - 1. Loving strangers—"philoxenia."
    - a. An investment in people... b. Paying surprising dividends.
  - 2. Loving prisoners.
    - a. You have your burdens... b. ...They have their bondage.
  - 3. Loving sufferers.
    - a. You have your pain... b. ...They have their problems.

### II. Improving Attitudes Toward Marriage.

- A. Marriage is to be highly prized—"timios." v. 4
  - 1. It is of divine origin.
  - 2. It is part of divine order.
- B. Marriage is to be carefully protected.
  - 1. Against the depreciation of asceticism. e.g. 1 Timothy 4:3
  - 2. Against the debasement of immorality.
    - a. "Pornoï" = sexually immoral.
    - b. "Moichoï" = adulterers.
    - c. God will judge both.

### III. Improving Attitudes Toward Money.

- A. A matter of control. v. 5
  - 1. When money controls us—"philargyria."
    - a. Love of money as a trap. 1 Timothy 6:9
    - b. Love of money as a root. 1 Timothy 6:10a
    - c. Love of money as a thorn. 1 Timothy 6:10b
- B. A matter of contentment.
  - 1. Not the absence of ambition.
  - 2. But the presence of a person.
- C. A matter of confidence.
  - 1. Money helps temporarily.
  - 2. The Lord is my helper permanently.
  - 3. Therefore I'll state it boldly.

**Points to ponder:** Do my attitudes reflect a secular or a spiritual mind-set? Which attitudes need improving? What changes will I make?