

Grace notes

guides for personal Bible study

People Get Ready: Mimic Your Mentors

Hebrews 13:7,8: “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Points to Ponder

1. What is the basic idea behind the celebration of a Feast of All Saints Day? How does that relate to you and how you became a Christian?
2. **Read Hebrews 13:7,8.** Who are some of the people who influenced your faith the most?
3. What does the statement “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” tell you about God’s Word and what he has told us? Does the message that you will share with your children differ from the message that was taught to you?
4. When you consider the way your grandparents or parents have lived their lives, can you see how the Holy Spirit worked through them? In what ways would you like to mimic them in your faith life?
5. **Reread Hebrews 13:7,8.** You have been entrusted by God with the wonderful message of our Savior, so as you age and have children of your own, how will you make sure that they hear the Word of God and cling to it?

Each of us can look back and see the tremendous number of people who have passed down the Christian faith to us. It is spread most effectively within families, and we should have great respect for those who have given us the wonderful news of our Savior. Let us thank God for the heroes and champions in the faith who handed down the faith to us and now have commissioned us to keep it moving and pass it on to the generations to come.

What else does God say?

Hebrews 13:17: Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Proverbs 4:20-27: My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.