# How the Gospel Transforms Money, Sex and Power

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## Money



#### Background

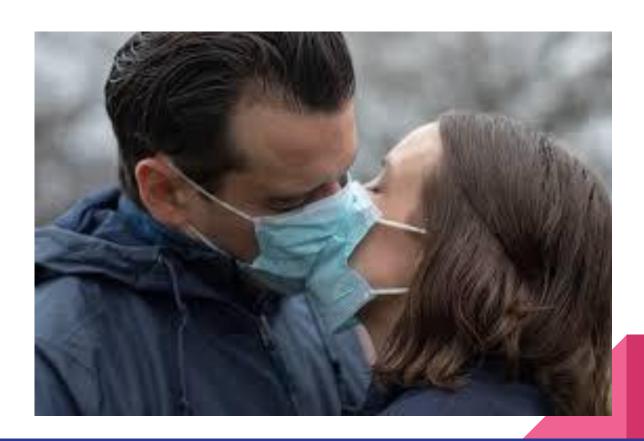
Richard Foster: Celebration of Discipline

Dallas Willard: The Spirit of the Disciplines

Richard Foster: Money, Sex and Power

John Piper: Living in the Light; Money, Sex and Power

### Sex



## Money, Sex and Power

Puritan approach: Spiritual Disciplines, withdrawing from the World

Postmodern Approach: Affirming Life in light of Postmodern Reality

### Power

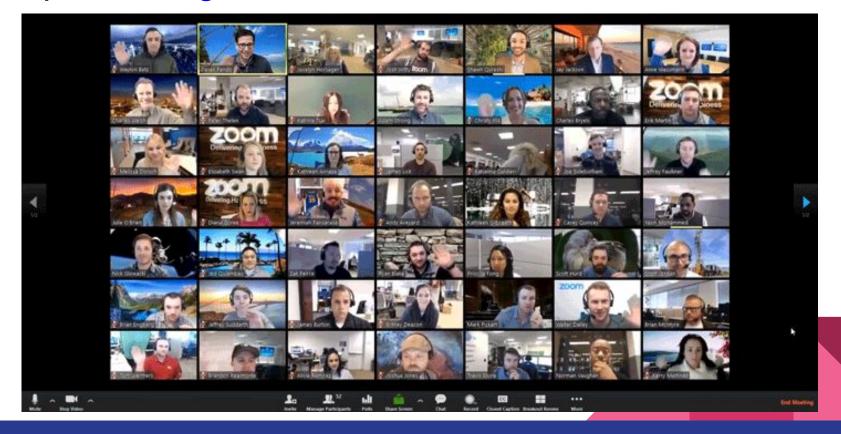


The last chapter of Hebrews confronts the carnal triad of Money, Sex and Power, transforming it into a portrait of Love and Leadership built upon Trust.

Hebrews 13: 1-18

Verse 1 - Keep on loving one another
as brothers and sisters

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- show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels

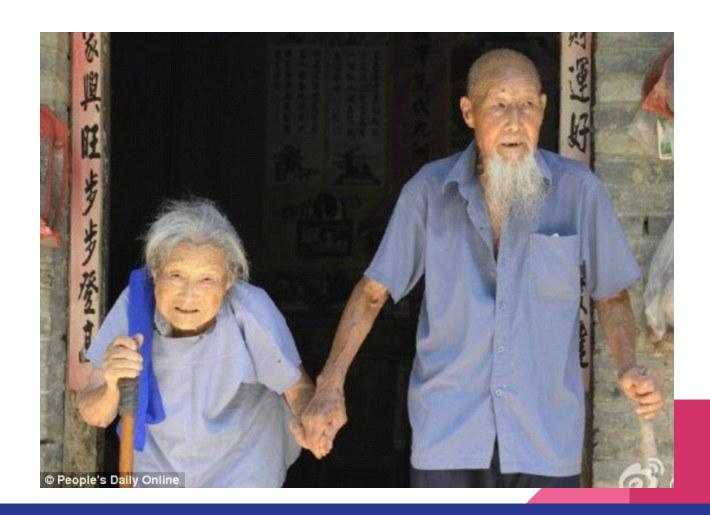
# show hospitality to strangers, ... some have shown hospitality to angels



remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated



Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure



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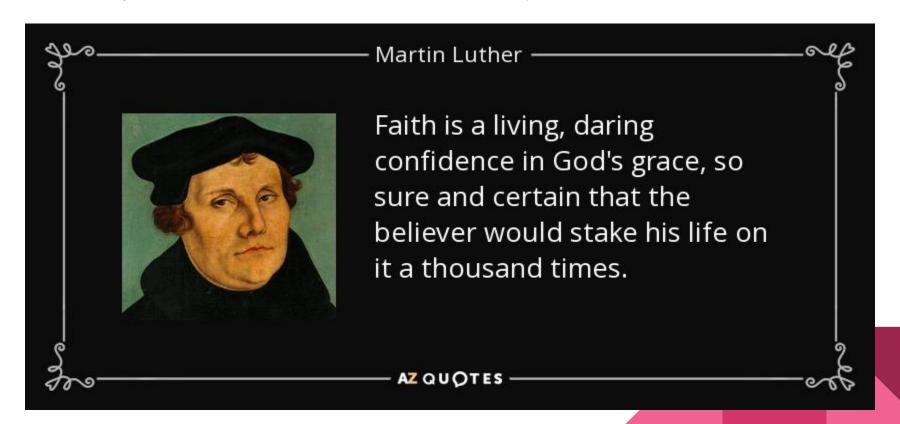
God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

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So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

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Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith



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Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.

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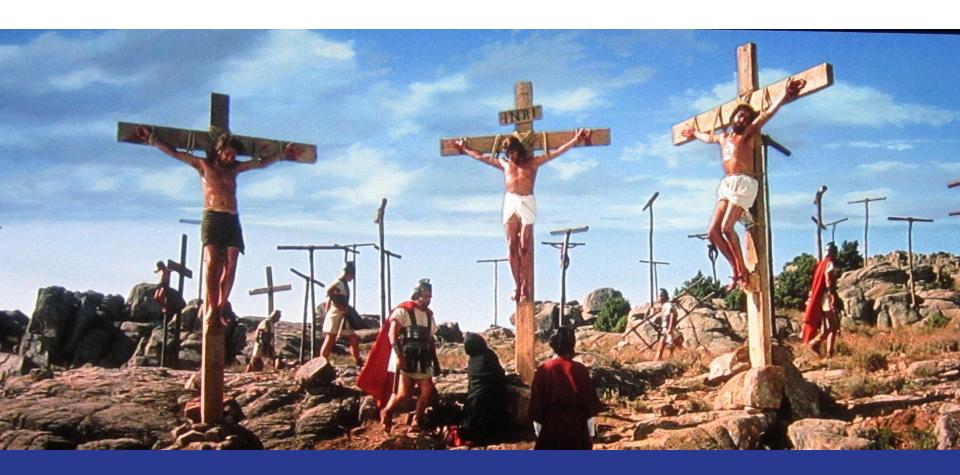


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## Golgotha



For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

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Hebrews 13:16







Hebrews 13:17

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### Hebrews 17b

they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.

submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.



Hebrews 13:18

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The Christians ... worship —the distinguished personage who introduced their novel rites, and was crucified on that account. ... these misguided creatures start with the general conviction that they are immortal for all time, which explains their contempt of death and voluntary self-devotion which are so common among them;

and then it was impressed on them by their original lawgiver that they are all brothers, from the moment that they are converted, and deny the gods of Greece, and worship the crucified sage, and live after his laws. All this they take quite on faith, with the result that they despise all worldly goods alike, regarding them merely as common property.

Lucian, The Passing of Peregrinus

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