

FOLLOWING THE RIGHT EXAMPLES

Hebrews 13:7-8, p. 976

- I. IMITATE THOSE IN THE PAST WHO WERE COMMITTED TO GOD AND HIS WORD (HEBREWS 13:7).
 - A. They taught God's word – They impact you after they have died because God's word is timeless (7a; 4:12 – living, active).
 - B. They lived God's word – Follow spiritual leaders to the degree they follow Christ (7b; 1 Corinthians 11:1 - Paul).
 - C. They trusted God's word – Follow spiritual leaders not because of their abilities, but their faith in God's ability (11:4 - Abel).

Principles

- Community – Being a committed part of a church enables you to know and learn from spiritual leaders.
- Legacy – Our true spiritual impact continues beyond our lives.

- II. IMITATE CHRIST WHO NEVER FAILS OR CHANGES (HEBREWS 13:8)
 - A. Spiritual leaders will come and go, but Jesus stays (8a).
 - B. Jesus' ministry to you is timeless (8b).
 1. Yesterday – His work on earth saved us from sin (5:9; 9:26).
 2. Today – His ministry as high priest helps us daily (4:16; 7:25; 9:14).

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3. Forever – His salvation secured us forever (9:12; 9:28).