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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Hebrews 13:7

“Lessons from the Life of Billy Graham”

**Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you;
and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.
(Hebrews 13:7 – NASB95)**

1. **Remember** (present imperative) = **keep on remembering former leaders who spoke the Word of God to you**
2. **Consider** (present participle) = **while considering the result of their conduct**
3. **Imitate** (present imperative) = **keep on imitating their faith**
4. **Lessons from the life & faith of Billy Graham**
 - _____ (1 Tim. 3; Tit. 1; 1 Pet. 5; Mt. 20:25-28; Mk. 10:42-45; Lk. 22:25-27)
 - **Man of the _____** (2 Tim. 4; Rom. 10:17)
 - **Man of _____** (Acts 1:14; 6:4; Rom. 12:12; Col. 4:2)
 - **Man of _____** (1 Tim. 3; Titus 1; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Pet. 2:1-3)
 - **Doctrinally**
 - **Financially**
 - **Sexually**
 - **Single-minded _____ to Christ** (Mt. 6:24; 1 Cor. 7:35; Acts 18:5)
 - _____ (Mk. 8:38; Rom. 1:16; Phil. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 1:8, 12)
 - _____ **!** (2 Cor. 5:6-9; Acts 7; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Although we primarily focus on Jesus as our great example, what advantages are there to studying the lives of great men & women of the faith?
2. When it comes to imitating great men of faith who led us and taught us the Word of God, why is it important to see how their lives end? What is it about the way a person's life ends that shows us who they really were and what they truly believed?
3. Why does the author of Hebrews say to imitate their FAITH? Why doesn't he say their BEHAVIOR? What was the point of the book of Hebrews? What was the problem they were having? How would watching a leader die with persevering faith in Jesus Christ be an inspiration and great example to that particular group of people?
4. When you think of Billy Graham what comes to your mind? What qualities (characteristics) of his life inspire you?
5. What is humility? Why is it so important in the Christian life? Why is it so important to God that we are humble? What verses come to mind that support your answer?
6. Billy Graham was a man of the Word and a man of Prayer. How do we know that? It's one thing to SAY we are that way but another thing to DEMONSTRATE it. What evidence is there in your life that you are truly a person of the Word and Prayer?
7. What is integrity? What is the opposite of integrity? What biblical characters (other than Jesus) come to your mind when you think of integrity? How did Billy Graham demonstrate integrity?
8. Read 2 Peter 2:1-3 (see also Deut. 13:1ff; Jer. 6:13; Jude 4, 16, 18). What are the three areas listed where false teachers fall?
9. According to 1 Cor. 10:12, we need to be aware of the prospect of falling spiritually. What principles (guidelines / rules / protective measures) did Billy Graham institute in his life to avoid falling financially and sexually?
10. What principles (guidelines / rules / protective measures) do you have in your life to guard your integrity and protect yourself from falling into sin?
11. What is DEVOTION? What does it mean to be DEVOTED to Christ?
12. What is BOLDNESS? Where does it come from? (See Acts 1:8; 4:31) Are you bold and unashamed of the gospel? Is there evidence of this in your lifestyle / witnessing?
13. Billy Graham finished strong. How many biblical characters can you think of that didn't finish strong? Why do you think they failed so miserably at the end of their lives? Why is it important for you to finish strong? Who is impacted by the way you live and the way you die?
14. What are you doing right now that will help you finish strong and hear the Lord say, "Well done." Think and pray about this, then write down some specific things you can implement this week. Share them with an accountability partner and go for it. Give yourself wholeheartedly to the things of God and His kingdom for His glory. No regrets!

[Answers to blanks: Humility; Word; Prayer; Integrity; Devotion; Boldness; Finished Strong]