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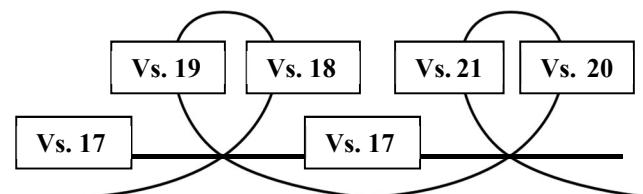
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4 reasons verse 20 is explaining verse 17:

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2. _____ is verse 20 explaining verse 17?

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3. _____ characterizes a model citizen in Christ's kingdom?

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Questions to Consider

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2. Why is a multi-generational church so important?
3. How often do you talk with those who are outside your age group?
4. What steps might you take to either model patient endurance in Christ or learn from those who are patiently enduring Christ's return?
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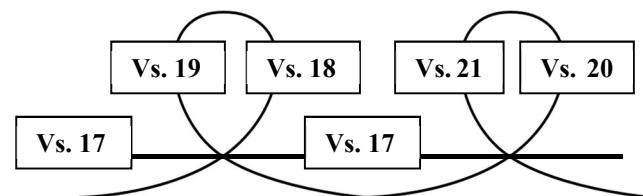
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