



Christian Hospitality
Romans 12:13

Welcome
to Our Church

Following Jesus in Hospitality

- **Romans 12:13** - 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Following Jesus in Hospitality

- **Luke 9:58** - 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

Hospitality

1. Hospitality is opening your heart as well as your home.
2. Hospitality is practicing the spirit of Christ to those we know and the strangers we don't know.
3. Hospitality is not about you, how lavishly you entertain, how much you impress others . . . Rather, it's about how you make your guests feel – valued and cherished.
4. Hospitality can be practiced in any setting.
5. Hospitality can be practiced in conjunction with evangelism, benevolence, etc.

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- a. **Romans 12:13** – Christians are to be “...Given to hospitality” (NKJV)
- b. **1 Timothy 3:2** – Elders are to be “hospitable”
- c. **Titus 1:8** – Elders are to be “hospitable”
- d. **1 Peter 4:9** – “Be hospitable to one another without grumbling (complaint).”
- e. **Romans 15:7** - Therefore receive [welcome] one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.
- f. **Matthew 25:40** – “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’”

Hospitality is a Gift or Rather a Collection of Gifts You Give to Others

1. **Hospitality is a means of meeting the needs of others.**
2. Hospitality is not merely a reciprocal exchange of visits among friends . . . You invited us over for dinner, so we want to return the favor and invite you over.
3. More often hospitality is a non-reciprocal meeting of the needs of another, especially the needs of strangers. The less fortunate, even our enemies.
4. Hospitality means doing for others who may never be in a position to repay

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- **Luke 14:12-14** - 12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Matthew 25:31-40

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- **Matthew 25:35** - 35 ...for I was hungry and you gave Me food...
- We can give the gift of nourishment by preparing or providing food for others.
- **Matthew 25:35** - I was thirsty and you gave Me drink.
- We can give the gift of service, whether by offering as little as a cup of cold water or offering any other service that might be needed.

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- **Matthew 25:35** - I was a stranger and you took Me in...
- Taking a person into our homes offers the gift of shelter.
- **Matthew 25:36** - I was naked and you clothed Me...
- We can give the gift of benevolence in providing for the material needs of others.

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- **Matthew 25:36** - I was sick and you visited Me...
- The gift of comfort is often needed . . .
 - a. By the aged.
 - b. By someone who has had surgery.
 - c. By a mother with a new baby.
 - d. By someone who is injured.
 - e. Or, by someone who is ill.

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- **Matthew 25:36** - I was in prison and you came to Me.
- People in actual prisons, or in virtual prisons of loneliness, may have all their physical needs met (food, clothing, shelter), but we can offer the gift of companionship/friendship to let them know they are not forgotten.

Hospitality is a Practicing of One's Faith

1. Hospitality is a central practice of our faith.
2. Hospitality is truly living Christianity.
3. Hospitality is your extension of Christ to others.
4. Hospitality is also practicing the Golden Rule in Matthew 7:12
5. **People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care?**

Hospitality in the Bible

■ PATRIARCHAL AGE

1. Genesis 18 – Abraham and the three visitors
2. **Hebrews 13:2** – “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.”
3. Lot housed the two strangers (angels) in Sodom. Genesis 19

Hospitality in the Bible

■ MOSAICAL AGE

1. **Leviticus 19:33-34** – “And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”
2. Judges 19 – Levite shown hospitality in a house in Gibeah.
3. Not having a house of his own, Jesus was shown hospital in many homes.
 - a. Mary, Martha, & Lazarus in Bethany
 - b. Peter in Capernaum

Hospitality in the Bible

■ CHRISTIAN AGE

1. The Good Samaritan. Luke 10

2. Paul

a. Lydia in Philippi. Acts 16

b. Aquila and Priscilla. Acts 18:2-3

c. House of Phillip. Acts 21:8

d. People on the island of Malta after the shipwreck. Acts 28

3. Philemon providing a guestroom for Paul – Philemon 22