

## **Conduct in the Church**

### *Growing in Godliness*

#### Week #5 - Helpful Hospitality

#### 1 Timothy 3:2

#### 1 Timothy 3:2 – “Hospitable”

What do you think of when you hear the word “hospitality”?

#### **Biblical Hospitality:**

- “Hospitality” in the original language is a \_\_\_\_\_ word.
- The first part of the word is philia which means “love” or “friendship.”
- The second word is xenos or xenia meaning “stranger” or “foreigner.”
- The word literally means “\_\_\_\_\_”

#### **English Roots**

- The word \_\_\_\_\_ is the same root word for hospitality.
- Historically, \_\_\_\_\_ started the first hospitals.

SO in order to better understand how to live out hospitality, we must examine two things: \_\_\_\_\_ are we to be hospitable to, and \_\_\_\_\_ are we to be hospitable.

#### 1. Who are we to be hospitable to?

Consider who we are called to be hospitable to from these verses:

Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9; Luke 14:12-14; Hebrews 13:2

- The answer is that we are to live out hospitality in \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are to be hospitable to traveling believers who \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus commands that we also care for the needy like the blind or the orphan or widows.
- One of the best evangelistic opportunities with neighbors is godly living in the home.
- Godly living in the home is all the more important when Christians are hosting unbelievers.

#### 2. How are we to be hospitable?

As we mentioned before, living out the gospel in the home is an encouraging thing to unbelievers and believers that enter in your home.

- It is a lifestyle more than a location.
  - Be hospitable without \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 4:9)
  - We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ in our hospitality. (Luke 14:12-14)

#### **Discussion questions:**

- How does the gospel and hospitality go hand in hand with each other?
- What is the consequence of not practicing this quality within the church? (Historical and scriptural examples?)
- What other qualities of hospitality are found in scripture?