

Practicing Hospitality
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Entertaining or Hospitality?

I. The Importance of Hospitality

Hebrews 13:1–2

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

II. The Meaning of Hospitality

Philoxenia: Philo = love; xenia = strangers

III. The Model of Hospitality

Jesus taught, received and extended hospitality to others.

- Mary and Martha's house
- Eating with tax-collectors
- Feeding of the 5000
- The Last Supper

Luke 14:12-14 (MSG)

Then he turned to the host. "The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. ¹³ Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. ¹⁴ You'll be—and experience—a blessing. They won't be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God's people."

The whole Bible is the story of Divine hospitality... because it is the story of God's invitation to us.

IV. The Challenges of Hospitality

1 Peter 4:9

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

V. The Practice of Hospitality

Romans 12:13

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Host a Neighborhood Holiday Party this December!