

**First Scots Presbyterian Church Sunday School**  
**“Stewarding” Hospitality**

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I. Introduction: How do we “Steward” Hospitality?

Stewardship: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care (Merriam-Webster)

Hospitality: generous, or friendly treatment of visitors, guests, or strangers

Mat. 6:11 “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Deu. 8:3 “And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”

Joh. 6:35 “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

II. The Indicatives of Hospitality:

A. Christian Hospitality: picturing our inheritance of God's Kingdom.

Isa. 25:6-9 “... a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine ...”

Rev. 19:6-9 “And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true words of God.’”

Matt. 22:1-14 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son...”

B. Christian hospitality: a picture and a promise.

Luke 17:20-21 “Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, ‘The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, “Look, here it is!” or “There!” for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.’”

C. Christian hospitality: God's triumph over human pride.

Matt. 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am among you.”

### III. The Imperatives of Hospitality.

#### A. Christian Hospitality: Overflow of life in Christ

2 Cor. 8:1-2 "We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part."

John 7:38 "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

John 4:13-14 "Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"

#### B. Christian Hospitality: Living the Kingdom out loud.

Rom. 12:13 "... seek to show hospitality."

Heb. 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

1 Pet. 4:9 "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling."

### IV. Practical points

#### **DO:**

- Start by eating with other people...
- Reach out to people you have met...
- Make a plan to meet their needs...
- Keep it simple...
- Keep the focus on people...
- Get to know what makes them tick...
- Involve your whole household...
- Have something for the kids...
- Be "all in" as a team...
- Have a budget...
- Make more than can possibly be eaten...
- Open your home & open your heart...
- Speak words of truth, grace, and love...

#### **DON'T:**

- Think it has to be spectacular...
- "Entertain" your guests...
- Stress out about it...
- Have expectations...
- Use it to "gain" for yourself...
- Use it to show off...
- Do it on a schedule...
- Be something you aren't...
- Break fellowship with your family over it...
- Put up barriers your heart...
- Intimidate your guests by your "perfection"...