

God, the Lover of Strangers

Christian Hospitality

Hebrews 13:1–3

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What Biblical hospitality is not...

- **Posts on Pinterest or following Martha Stewart**
- **Hosting family Sunday dinners**
- **Social Reciprocity**
- **Expectation that I will see some good from my generosity**

Luke 14:12–14

**[Jesus] said also to the man who had invited him,
“When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite
your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich
neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you
be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be
blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will
be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”**

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Deuteronomy 10:16–19

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome **God, who is not partial** and takes no bribe. **He executes justice** for the fatherless and the widow, **and loves the sojourner**, giving him food and clothing. **Love the sojourner**, therefore, **for you were sojourners** in the land of Egypt.

What Biblical hospitality is...

- **Inconvenient commitments based on need**
- **Naming Christ's family yours (Matt 12:46–50)**
- **Becoming an agent of God's grace**
- **Expecting nothing in return**

Hebrews 12:25–26

**See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.
For if they did not escape when they refused him who
warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we
reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his
voice shook the earth, but now he has promised,
“Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but
also the heavens.”**

Hebrews 12:27–29

This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore **let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**, and thus **let us offer to God acceptable worship**, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Biblical hospitality trusts...

- **God's justice** (Deut. 10:17–18)
- **God's grace** (Deut. 10:19)
- **God's message** (Heb. 13:2)
- **God's eternal plan** (Heb. 12:22–24 cp Deut. 10:12–14)