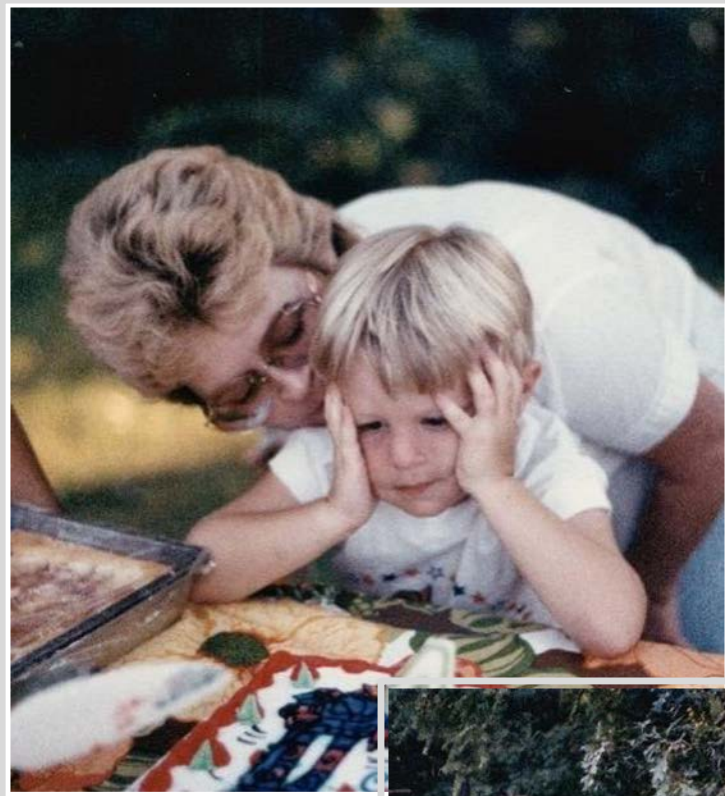






## 1 Peter 4:9

Show hospitality to one another  
without grumbling. (ESV)



How does a person opening their home and making you feel an integral part of it leave such lasting impressions?

Perhaps even more importantly, why when an increased number of people feel that way about a home does it feel more special and not less?

## 1 Peter 4:7-9

[7] The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. [8] Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. [9] Show **hospitality** to one another without **grumbling**. (ESV)



**Reason**



**Priority**



**Practicality**



**Command**



**Time is Short** v7



**Above other commands** v8



**It covers much of the hardship of community** v8



**Show hospitality to one  
another without grumbling.** v9

## What is Hospitality?

- given to generous and cordial reception of guests and offering a pleasant or sustaining environment [Websters]
- the act of being friendly and welcoming to guests and visitors [Cambridge]
- the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers [Oxford]





## philoxenia

philo → love + xenia → stranger

## What is Grumbling?

- a mutter of discontent [Websters]
- to complain about someone or something in an annoyed way [Cambridge]
- the action or fact of complaining in a bad-tempered way [Oxford]



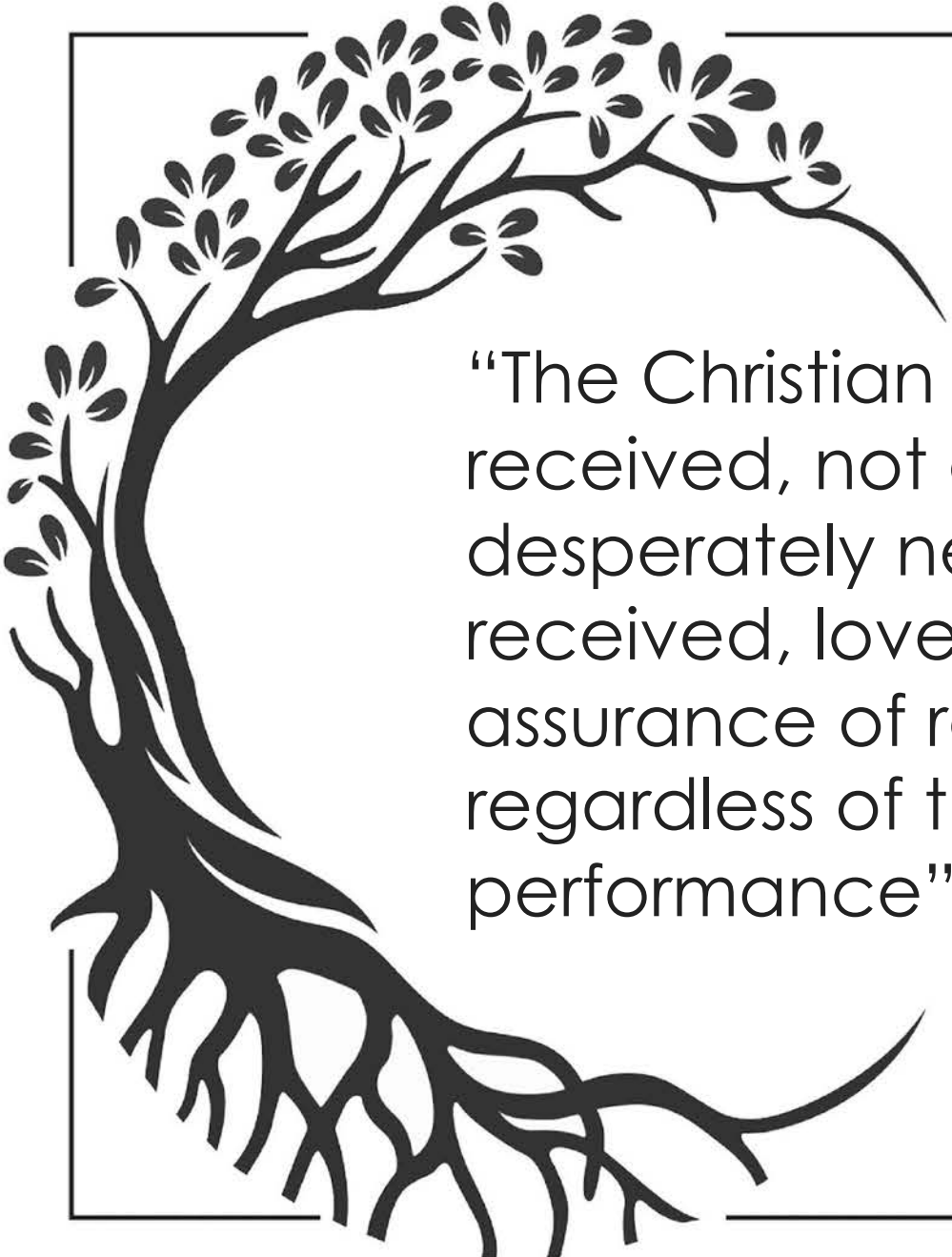
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## **Three Areas of Biblical Hospitality:**

1. Strangers
2. Neighbors
3. Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**How does a person opening their home and making you feel an integral part of it leave such lasting impressions?**



“The Christian Identity is the only identity that is received, not achieved. Yet, every human being desperately needs assurance that they are received, loved, and accepted. We need this assurance of reception, love, and value regardless of the ups and down of our performance” -Tim Keller

**How does a person opening their home and making you feel an integral part of it leave such lasting impressions?**

Because when you're loved well, you remember His Love, you then remind others of His Love, and your heart bursts with it.

***Hospitality is a gift, like Christ, your guests receive.***

Nothing is more memorable than being loved selflessly like Christ by another.

**Why when an increased number of people feel that way about a home does it feel more special and not less?**



**Why when an increased number of people feel that way about a home does it feel more special and not less?**

Because *the more saints who look at and treat a home as an embassy of the Kingdom of God, the more it begins to feel and function like that embassy.* Handing out a small version of the desperately needed welcoming, acceptance, and love freely given by Christ is *life-changing.* *That loves does not crowd out, it grows all the more.*

## Practical Next Steps:

**1. Invite someone into your home today**

The simplest and potentially most difficult - ask the person God is putting on your heart right now to be a guest in your home. Coffee, Tea, Dinner, Game, Gardening, Cooking, Project.

**1. Sign up for a LifeGroup**

Host, Attend, Lead in another home - There is no better training and practicing ground for Hospitality than being in or having people in your home weekly.

**1. Mark your Calendars for an 8-week Equipping Class from Jan 7th- March 3rd, 2024**

On Mission: In our Homes, at Work, & In Our Community



**LOVE**  
ONE ANOTHER

