

Hospitality

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I. Introduction.

A. Key verses on hospitality: 1 Peter 4:9; Romans 12:9, 13; Philippians 2:3-4; Isaiah 59:10-11; Titus 2:12; Proverbs 11:5; Proverbs 27:17; 2 Kings 4:8-9; Luke 10:38-42.

II. The basis of hospitality is love.

III. Hospitality requires service. (Matthew 10:27)

IV. Hospitality requires excitement. (Colossians 3:23)

V. Hospitality requires graciousness. (Luke 4:22; Proverbs 11:16)

VI. Hospitality requires sincerity. (Luke 16:10)

VII. Hospitality requires discretion. (Proverbs 31)

VIII. Hospitality requires treating people the same.

IX. Hospitality requires being relaxed.

X. How to prepare.

A. Pray about being a good host/hostess.

B. Give menus ahead of time.

C. Help people to know what is theirs.

D. Be a good conversationalist. Do not dominate the conversation. Be intelligent about conversing.

E. Be sensitive to needs.

XI. Question and answer.

Application questions:

1. Which verses do you find most helpful for creating an attitude of hospitality?

2. What are some areas you would like to grow in to become more hospitable?

3. What are some problems and courtesies you can anticipate when hosting people?
