The Godly Man as A Husband
Using The Home As A Place Of Ministry

A Christian home is a mighty tool in the hands of God to convince a lost and dying world of the reality of Jesus Christ. The warm atmosphere of such a home is often the climate necessary to bring a skeptical unbeliever to the point of considering the claims of Christ. Having friends in for coffee or for a meal starting a neighborhood Bible discussion group making the home available for prayer groups and allowing God to express Himself to others through hospitality are some ways a home can be used.

1. Home is a place to which people come or from which people go.

   a. Which of these is more important? …………………...
   …………………………………………………………..
   Why? ……………………………………………………..

   b. How would you define hospitality? Titus 1:8, Romans 12:13 ………………
   …………………………………………………………………………..

   c. What is the significance of giving a person a meal? See Luke 19:5-10, Luke 24:28-31 …………………………………………………………………..
   …………………………………………………………………………

2. In the story recorded in Luke 10:29-37, how would you describe a neighbor? ……………..
   …………………………………………………………………………………

3. What was the governing power behind Paul's ministry? II Corinthians 5:14, 15 ………
   …………………………………………………………………………………

4. What is the purpose of ministering to others? Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 1:28, 29
   …………………………………………………………………………………

5. Note the following examples of hospitality. Write down:

   A) who gave the hospitality.
   B) who received it.
   C) what blessings the ones who gave the hospitality received as a result of it. (You may have to read further in the assigned portions to discern this.)

   Genesis 18:1-8
   1)…………………………………………………………………………………
   2) ………………………………………………………………………………...
   3) ………………………………………………………………………………...

   Genesis 24:17-20
   1)…………………………………………………………………………………
   2) ………………………………………………………………………………...
   3) ………………………………………………………………………………...

Joshua 2:1-16
1)……………………………………………………………………………………
2) ………………………………………………………………………………...
3) ……………………………………………………………………………………...

I Kings 17:10-24
1)……………………………………………………………………………………
2) ………………………………………………………………………………...
3) ……………………………………………………………………………………...

II Kings 4:8-11
1)……………………………………………………………………………………
2) ………………………………………………………………………………...
3) ……………………………………………………………………………………...

Luke 10:38-42
1)……………………………………………………………………………………
2) ………………………………………………………………………………...
3) ……………………………………………………………………………………...

Acts 16:14, 15
1)……………………………………………………………………………………
2) ………………………………………………………………………………...
3) ……………………………………………………………………………………...

6. To whom should we offer hospitality?

     a. Leviticus 19:33, 34 ………………….…

     b. Matthew 25:34-46 ……………………..

     c. I Peter 4:9……………………………….

     e. III John 5-8 ………………………….

7. What are some of the reasons we should show hospitality?

     a. Isaiah 60:11 …………………………………………………………………

     b. Ecclesiates 11:1 ……………………………………………………………

     c. Hebrews 13:1-2 ……………………………………………………………

8. To whom are we not to extend hospitality? II John 10-11 ………………………
………………………………………………………………………………………

9. Who is the most hospitable couple you know? …………………………………
………………………………………………………………………………………

Write out the outstanding characteristics, as you see them, which make them hospitable:

………………………………………………………………………...
………………………………………………………………………...
………………………………………………………………………...
………………………………………………………………………...
………………………………………………………………………...
………………………………………………………………………...

Assignment:

Real hospitality is costly in time, privacy, involvement, and money. Do you think the investment is worth it? ………… Why or why not? …………….….…………………………………………….
……………………………………………………………………………………………………

If you believe the investment is worth it, discuss with your partner how your home can be used to minister to others more effectively. Write out a plan and schedule as to how and when your home will become a more available tool in the hands of God for the blessing of others.

……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………………………

Suggestions For Further Study
Tape 1021 - Use of the Home in the Ministry, George Sanchez
Tape 1279 - Hospitality, Joyce Enright