



HOSPITALITY



Genesis 18

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. ³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, [\[a\]](#) do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.



- ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs^[b] of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread." ⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

Hospitality



.... is the friendly reception and treatment of guests, or strangers, in a warm and generous way





Leviticus 19:33-34

'When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. ³⁴ The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.....



Ephesians 2:12

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the citizenship of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

verse 19 : "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.



Ephesians : 1:5-6

"He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace."

Ephesians 2:8

"By grace are you saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God"



Hebrews 13:2

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it"

I Peter 4:9,

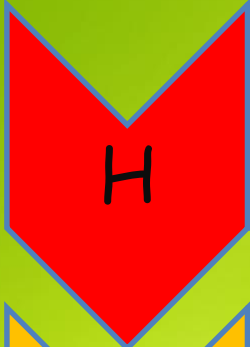
"Be hospitable to one another without complaint"

Rom. 12:12-13.

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. **Practice hospitality.**



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- OPEN HEARTS



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Ephesians 4:32

be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.





OPEN HANDS



Deuteronomy 15:11

For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'



OPEN HOMES



Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. (i.e. Abraham, Lot)



Matthew 25:35-40



³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



Lk.14:12-14

"When you give a dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



Hospitality, as an attitude of the heart, is the very essence of ministry. WE DON'T EARN salvation from our attitude to others, but it is an essential outcome of our rebirth.

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**IF YOU ARE MORE
FORTUNATE THAN OTHERS,
BUILD A LONGER TABLE
NOT A TALLER FENCE.**

