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# BE HOSPITABLE TO ONE ANOTHER

Life Together: Part 5

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What is hospitality?

Why should we practice it?

How do we go about it?

# 1. WHAT IS HOSPITALITY?

## ROMANS 12:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

# 1. WHAT IS HOSPITALITY?

Open Heart

## ROMANS 12:9-10

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

## THESSALONIANS 2:8

We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.



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WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE ARE IN NEED,  
BE READY TO HELP THEM.

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BE EAGER TO PRACTICE  
HOSPITALITY.

"Although we often think of hospitality as a tame and pleasant practice, Christian hospitality has always had a subversive countercultural dimension."

**CHRISTINE POHL**

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## ISAIAH 26:6-8

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain, the Lord of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined. <sup>7</sup> He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever. The Lord God will wipe tears from every face.



## REVELATION 3:20

Look! I'm standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me.

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It displays who God is.

It advances the Gospel.

# IT ADVANCES THE GOSPEL FOR THE UNBELIEVER

**Luke 7:34** The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

**Luke 15:1-2** The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

## IT ADVANCES THE GOSPEL FOR THE BELIEVER

**Acts 16:14-15** The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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**Acts 16: 30-34** "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. <sup>34</sup> Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

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**Acts 18:1-4** Then Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> There he became acquainted with a Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently arrived from Italy with his wife, Priscilla. They had left Italy when Claudius Caesar deported all Jews from Rome. <sup>3</sup> Paul lived and worked with them, for they were tentmakers just as he was. <sup>4</sup> Each Sabbath found Paul at the synagogue, trying to convince the Jews and Greeks alike.

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**Acts 18:24-26** Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

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It brings God glory.



## ROMANS 15:1-7

<sup>1</sup> We who are powerful need to be patient with the weakness of those who don't have power, and not please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of us should please our neighbors for their good in order to build them up. <sup>3</sup> Christ didn't please himself, but, as it is written, The insults of those who insulted you fell on me. <sup>4</sup> Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures.

## ROMANS 15:1-7

<sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude. <sup>6</sup> That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice. <sup>7</sup> So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory.

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## 1 PETER 4:8-9

Above all, show sincere love to each other, because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins. <sup>9</sup> Open your homes to each other without complaining.

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We do it with increasing proficiency.

“ENTERTAINMENT IS ABOUT IMPRESSING PEOPLE  
AND KEEPING THEM AT ARM’S LENGTH.  
HOSPITALITY IS ABOUT OPENING UP YOUR HEART  
AND YOUR HOME.”

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“KNOWING YOUR PERSONALITY AND YOUR SENSITIVITIES DOES NOT EXCUSE YOU FROM MINISTRY. IT MEANS THAT YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR IT DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHERS MIGHT.”

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