

# Practicing the Christian Life: Hospitality

Hebrews 13:1-5

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## Outline

*Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.*

*<sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have...*

### I. The Principle Undergirding Hospitality.

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*Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have..." (vss. 3-5)*

*"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own**; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." I Corinthians 6:19-20*

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*"For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt."* Deuteronomy 10:17-19.

*"For Christians, the expectation is that God will play a significant role in the ordinary exchange between guests and hosts. And this expectation lends itself to hospitality. It gives it a sacramental quality, a numinous quality that's mysterious and full of surprises. When the disciples took in a stranger on the Road to Emmaus, little did they know that they were not only entertaining angels, they were entertaining the Lord." ~Bill Lane, Commentary on the Book of Hebrews.*

## II. The Promise of Hospitality.

### Ways to Show Hospitality Individually

1. Use your place to invite people into your space.
2. Invite people into your spiritual home.

### Ways to Show Hospitality Corporately

1. Support our deacons.
2. Volunteer to serve at a CityServe project.

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3. Join our usher or greeter teams.
4. Greet one another.
5. Be Coffee Fellowships. Host.
6. Show hospitality to our kids.

*"Practice hospitality."* Romans 12:13