



Hospitality

A True Test of Love

Be Hospitable To One Another

● 1 Peter 4:8-9

- ⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “*love will cover a multitude of sins.*”
- ⁹ *Be hospitable to one another ...*
without grumbling.

A Godly Quality

● Christians Should Demonstrate It

- **Romans 12:13** “distributing to the needs of the saints, given to {pursuing} hospitality.”

● Elders Must Have It

- **1 Tim 3:2** “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

● Widows Should Have Shown It

- **1 Tim 5:10** “well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints’ feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.”

Examples of Hospitality

- Abraham

Genesis 18:3-8

- Lot

Genesis 19:1-3

- Angels Tested Hospitality

- Heb 13:1,2 “Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels.

What is Hospitality

Hospitable

- φιλόξενος ~ philōxēnōs
- “philōs ” → “fond” “xēnōs ” → “stranger”
- Compare with φιλαδελφία ~ philadelphia
- “philōs ” → “fond” “adēlphōs” → “brother”

The Good Samaritan & Inhospitable Priest

- **Luke 10:30-35** "Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'" "

The Blessed Showed Hospitality

- **Matt 25:31-35** “³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;
- **Matt 5:46-47** “For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so?”