

GAME READY

Hospitality

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Rom. 12:13)

Strategic hospitality: Turning your kitchen and living room into a launch pad for ministry and mission...

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 28:30-31)

¶ **Note: learn the art of conversational “seasoning”** – “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Col. 4:6)

Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth. (3 John 5-8)

Hospitality helps to cut through...

- **Selfishness** – “You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” (Gal. 5:13)
- **Stinginess** – “You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:34-35)

The heart behind hospitality...

- **A joy-filled “get to” not a burdensome “have-to”** – “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” (1 Peter 4:8-9)
- **Blessing, serving and encouraging the guests, not the host** – “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Phil. 2:3-4)

¶ **Note: You never know who it is that you’re entertaining!** – “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Heb. 13:2)

The motivation of hospitality: Jesus Christ brought us into God’s “home” as family...

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. (Eph. 2:19)