

# Hospitality

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Strong's Concordance defines hospitality (φιλοξενία—G5381) as:

## 1) love to strangers, hospitality

This message has three parts:

1. **God's Hospitality.**
2. **Who is the stranger?**
3. **Given to Hospitality.**

## God's Hospitality.

*Luke 14:15-24*      *compel them to come in*

God's hospitality is open to all, the only problem is you have to show up! I can invite you to dinner all I want but if you're not willing to even come then you're refusing my hospitality.

God's invitation has been open to all for over two thousand years! The price was paid in full at Calgary! Yet people refuse Him and His hospitality!

*Isaiah 55:1-3*      *come ye, buy, and eat*

The table has been set, God's hospitality is open. And when you accept His hospitality He makes a covenant with you or an agreement with you.

*Hebrews 10: 16-22*      *This is the covenant that I will make with them*

*1 John 5:8*      *the Spirit, and the water, and the blood*

## Who is the stranger?

*Matthew 25: 31-40*      *(Jesus speaking) I was a stranger, and ye took me in*

When you're doing hospitality to the stranger you're taking them in, sharing that covenant that God made with you, so the goal is to see them saved.

*Acts 18: 24-26*      *they took him unto them*

You see, Apollos was the stranger in this case. Yes, he had a walk with God! Yes, he preached under the anointing of God! But he was a stranger; he only knew the baptism of John. He didn't know the covenant Jesus made, someone needed to tell him!

So who is the stranger? All of us were at one time.

I remember when I was a young man in the navy and after service the brothers would invite me over to lunch and take time to share with me.

## **Given to Hospitality.**

*Romans 12: 10-13*      *given to hospitality.*

When your given to hospitality, you sacrifice your needs to meet the needs of others first. You know and understand God will meet your needs.

*1 Peter 4: 8-10*      *Use hospitality one to another without grudging.*

Maybe there is someone God wants you to show hospitality to that you don't get along with. Well show some hospitality to them anyway. Maybe just maybe you're the only one who has offered any kindness to them at all.

*Luke 7:36-47*      *alabaster box of ointment*

Just because you invite someone to your home doesn't mean you have given them hospitality. Hospitality is shown in love, and if charity/love covers a multitude of sins, your problems won't be so big after all.

*Proverbs 3: 27-28*      *Withhold not good from them to whom it is due*

Sometimes when I feel weighed down with things in this life and I feel overwhelmed, I pour myself into others and help them... and problems just seem to become easier to handle or even go away.

*1 Corinthians 16: 14-16*      *addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints*

I know what its like to be addicted to something wrong, but now I'm addicted to the ministry of hospitality, and that's a good feeling.

*Luke 22:14-19*      *The Last Supper*

*The service culminated with an altar call, and a baptism.*