

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:9-10

### 1) What is hospitality?

- a. Helping people feel at \_\_\_\_\_ in our presence (home or elsewhere) while caring for their practical and spiritual needs.

✓ welcoming ~ warmth ~ kindness ~ generosity

Being hospitable and entertaining guests are not the same thing. Practicing hospitality requires that we spend more time preparing to care for people than in bringing attention to ourselves (material possessions, cooking abilities etc).

### 2) Why should I practice hospitality?

- a. It reflects the beauty of what God has done for us!
- b. It is more blessed to \_\_\_\_\_ than to receive.
- c. Showing hospitality leads to the beautiful life in Christ (has a wonderful effect on our character and our people skills).
- d. It develops a true sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Hospitality offers us the opportunity to share in the spiritual life and growth of others.
- f. We may entertain angels without knowing it!

~ Hebrews 13:2

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### 3) What eternal impact can one expect?

- a. Practicing hospitality is the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ strategy of our time. We will share in the harvest as we are hospitable to others in Jesus Name.
- i. A great church planting approach!

“It's hard for people to really believe we want them in Heaven if we don't even want them in our living room.”

*Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr.*

- b. Practicing hospitality is a powerful way to create an environment of honesty/vulnerability among fellow Christians which can create an open door for life to life discipleship and healthy spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ✓ Hindrances to Hospitality

- I'm too busy
- I'm too \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm too private
- I'm too poor
- I'm too tired
- \_\_\_\_\_

The question: Does \_\_\_\_\_ or fear motivate any of these hindrances to hospitality?

#### ✓ Maybe it's time to:

- Invite others into your home for a meal and fellowship.
- Start a small group in your home.
- Volunteer to house travelers.

*A year from now you'll wish you had started \_\_\_\_\_!*