



PURSUING HOSPITALITY

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- **What Is Hospitality?**
 - Comes from 2 words. Love (*philo*) and stranger (*xenia*). Lit. Love of strangers.
 - “The generous and gracious treatment of guest.”
 - **Gen. 18:2-8; Lev. 19:33-34; 25:35; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2**

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- **Rooted in Love:**
 - **Commands for hospitality are almost always found in the context of love.**
Rom. 12:9-10, 13; 1 Pet. 4:8-9; Heb. 13:1-2
 - **This love is rooted in God and Christ's love.** **1 Jn. 4:19; Rom. 5:8**
 - **This love is then reflected in our relationships to each other.**
Gal. 2:20; Jn. 13:34-35; 1 Cor. 13; 1 Pet. 1:22

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- **The New Testament Norm:**
 - **The first Christians showed themselves to be a close family:**
 - **Greeted each other like family**
(Rom. 16:16)
 - **Shared their possessions**
(Acts 2:44-45; Rom. 12:13)

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- **The New Testament Norm:**
 - **Opened their homes for the church (Rom. 16:5)**
 - **Ate together (Acts 2:46)**
 - **Practiced hospitality (Acts 16:15; 21:8)**

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- **Pursuing Hospitality:**
 - **A few practical applications/ suggestions.**
 1. I need to be *open* to hospitality.
 2. *Plan* to be hospitable.
 3. Make a list of those who would be encouraged by your offer of hospitality.
 4. Be interested in people's lives.