



The Hospitality Commands

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“Obviously, hospitality was very important to the early Christians. In fact, New Testament writers Paul, Peter, and John, and the author of Hebrews made hospitality a scriptural command, a duty!”

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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.”
 - Representative survey of hospitality in the Bible (**Gen. 18:2-8; Lev. 19:33-34; 25:35; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2**).

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- What Is Hospitality?
- The New Testament Norm:
 - Greeted each other like family.
Rom. 16:16
 - Shared their possessions.
Acts 2:44-45; Rom. 12:13
 - 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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- **Rooted In Love:**
 - **Commands for hospitality are almost always found in the context of love.**
Rom. 12:9-10, 13
 - **This love is rooted in God's love.**
1 Jn. 4:19
 - **This love is then reflected in our relationships to each other.**
Jn. 13:34-35; 1 Pet. 1:22

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- **Some Practical Suggestions:**
 - I need to be open to hospitality.
 - Plan to be hospitable.
 - Make a list of those who would be encouraged by your offer of hospitality.
 - Be interested in people's lives.