

HOSPITALITY AND YOUR HOME



HEBREWS 13:2

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Introduction: When your doorbell rings, what would your welcome mat say if it could read your mind? Have you ever run someone off of your front porch so severely they would question whether you were a Christian?

The phrase “entertain strangers” or “show hospitality” in Hebrews 13:2 is from the Greek PHILONEXIA. This word is also found in Romans 12:13 where the text says we are to be “*given to hospitality.*” Peter also enjoins it upon Christians in 1 Peter 4:9 writing, “*Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.*” This is also a qualification of elders in 1 Timothy 3:2.

Thayer defines this word as: 1) love to strangers, hospitality. Apparently, it is easy for us to “forget” about this important duty and may be easy to “grumble” about it so the inspired authors of Scripture reminded us. Today, we’d like to consider two Old Testament examples of “hospitality” to whom the Hebrew writer refers as we try to uncover some common-sense and practical tips to being more hospitable to one another as an open door can be a wonderful habit for a godly home.

I. To Whom Does Hebrews 13:2 Refer?

A. _____

B. _____

II. _____’s Hospitality (Genesis 18:1-16)

- A. _____ (Genesis 18:1-2; cp. Romans 16)
- B. _____ (Genesis 18:3; cp. Acts 16:15, 40)
- C. _____ (Genesis 18:4-5; cp. John 13:1-5; Luke 7:44-46)
- D. _____ (Genesis 18:6-8; cp. Philippians 2:3-5)
- E. _____ (Genesis 18:9-15; cp. Proverbs 25:25)
- F. _____ (Genesis 18:16).

III. _____'s Hospitality (Genesis 19:1-15)

- A. _____ (Genesis 19:1)
- B. _____ (Genesis 19:2-3a)
- C. _____ (Genesis 19:3-8)
- D. _____ (Genesis 19:12-15)

Conclusion: Why is this important? How can hospitality change our relationships? If God says we should do it, then why are more families not doing so?

Additional Notes: _____

