



“THE SHARE: Offer Hospitality to One Another”

I LOVE MY CHURCH, Part 8

1 Peter 4:9 “Use hospitality one to another without grudging.”

I. Hospitality Is...

A. Hospitality: *“the friendly & generous reception & entertainment of guest, visitors or strangers. Friendliness, warm reception, welcome, helpfulness, neighborliness. Hospitality can be defined as the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way. Literal meaning: love of strangers.”*

B. _____ to all of us

Romans 12:13 “Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.”

C. A spiritual gift as well as a _____ for all of us

Acts 16:15 “And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.”

D. Putting _____ to the commands of “love one another”

Philemon 1:4-7 “⁴I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,⁵Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;⁶That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.⁷For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.”

II. When You PRACTICE Hospitality, You Are Showing Others What *Jesus* Is Like

1 Peter 4:9 “Use hospitality one to another without grudging.”

- A. When we are _____, we are more like Jesus at that moment than at any other time
- B. We all need to see _____ of Jesus in our world
- C. Hospitality is _____ sharing our resources, our heart and our spirit with those in our world
- D. Hospitality is _____ others to Christ

2 Corinthians 7:13-16 “¹³Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.¹⁴For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth.¹⁵And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.¹⁶I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things.”

Characteristics Of Those With This Gift:

- *Are friendly and able to interact with people comfortably*
- *Like to meet and greet new people and have “never met a stranger”*
- *Are willing to open up their home to local and traveling members, visitor and neighbors—perhaps even for extended amounts of time*
- *Enjoy putting together social parties and get-togethers*
- *Have a strong desire and ability to make strangers and visitors feel welcome*

Application For Church Ministry:

- *Serve as a greeter for the church*
- *Invite visitors and new members into your home for dinner*
 - *Serve as a host for small groups*
- *Have fellowships and open your home for ministry team gatherings, new members, holidays, etc.*

III. Share Hospitality With...

A. _____

Hebrews 13:2 “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

Hebrews 13:3 “Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.”

B. The _____ of Believers

3 John 5-8 “⁵Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;⁶Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well.⁷Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.⁸We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.”

C. One _____

Romans 12:13 “Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.”

Romans 12:11-13 “¹¹Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;¹²Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;¹³Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.”

D. All those God _____ in your pathway

Romans 16:1-2 “¹I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:²That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.”