



SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: HOSPITALITY

A. WHAT is the Spiritual Practice of Hospitality?

- Philoxenia - love of strangers, outsiders.
- “Radically Ordinary Hospitality” is “using your home in a daily way that seeks to make strangers into neighbors, and neighbors a part of the family of God.” Rosaria Butterfield, *The Gospel Comes with A House Key*
- Not entertainment or performance art. The goal isn’t entertaining or impressing others.
- Spiritual Practice of Hospitality: demonstrating the welcoming heart of the Father to all — through tangible acts of love such as providing food, shelter and relationship. (Definition by John Mark Comer)

B. WHY should we practice hospitality?

1. Jesus did it!
2. Obedience. (Rom. 12:13, Heb. 13:2)
3. Breaks down walls.
4. Builds bridges to Jesus.
5. Good stewardship.
6. It’s a blessing.

C. Ideas on HOW to get started.

REMEMBER: Prayer is essential, and our guests matter more than our hospitality.

1. Make a Neighbor Map.
2. Meet your neighbors.
3. Be the hangout spot for your kids and their friends.
4. Utilize holidays, birthdays and other celebrations as opportunities to invite others you don’t know (or know as well).

5. Revise your budget to create margin for hospitality (it may require sacrifice in other areas).
6. Start new traditions.
7. Throw a party.
8. Create a Christ Room.
9. Foster, Adopt or serve alongside Safe Families For Children.

D. Additional Hospitality Resources

- *A Meal With Jesus*, Tim Chester
- *The Gospel Comes With A House Key*, Rosaria Butterfield
- *When The Church Was A Family*, Joseph Hellerman
- *Beautiful Resistance*, Jon Tyson

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And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6