**Show Hospitality to One Another**

*1 Peter 4:1-11***3** reminders to genuinely be hospitable

**I. The command**

A. In meaning

Hospitality (Philoxenos)—pertaining to showing hospitality to strangers—‘to be hospitable.’[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Exodus 22:21**—*You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.*

**Deuteronomy 14:29**—*The Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and the alien, the orphan and the widow who are in your town, shall come and eat and be satisfied, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.*

**Matthew 25:35-40**—*For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. Then the righteous will answer Him, “Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?” The King will answer and say to them, “Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.”*

**Luke 14:12-14**—*And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment. But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*

***Titus 1:7-9****—* *For the [*[*d*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Titus+1&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29900d)*]overseer must be above reproach as God’s steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,* ***8****but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,* ***9****holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.*

B. In practice

**1 Peter 4:9**—*Be hospitable to one another…*

**Romans 12:12-*13****—rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,* ***13****contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.*

1. Ethnically—no distinction

**Acts 1:6-8**—*So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

**Acts 2:7-8**—*They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?”*

2. Economically—no distinction

**James 2:1-9**—*My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and you say to the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives? Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? Do they not blaspheme the fair name by which you have been called? If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.*

C. Additionally

**1 Peter 4:9**—*Be hospitable to one another without complaint.*

**II. The Background**

A. In suffering

**1 Peter 1:1-2**—*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.*

**1 Peter 2:21**—*For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps…*

**1 Peter 3:17-18**—*For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit…*

**1 Peter 4:1**—*Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin…*

B. In judgment

**1 Peter 4:7**—*The end of all things is near…*

**1 Peter 3:18**—*…so that He might bring us to God…*

C. In love

**1 Peter 4:8**—*Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.*

D. In service

**1 Peter 4:10-11**—*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

**III. The Promise**

A. Of the calling (Ecclesia—a **called out company or assembly, C**f. Ephesians 1:22; Ephesians 5:25, 32)

B. Recognize (Rightfully acknowledge your heart attitude)

**Psalm 139:23**—*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts…*

C. Repent (the act of changing one’s mind; to turn around)

**Psalm 139:24**—*And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.*

**James 4:17**—*Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

D. Replace (put off the old, think differently, put on the new)

Cf. **Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10**

E. Refocus (on the Person and Work of Jesus Christ)

1. Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*](https://ref.ly/logosres/louwnida?ref=LouwNida.34.58&off=22&ctx=.58+%CF%86%CE%B9%CE%BB%CE%BF%CC%81%CE%BE%CE%B5%CE%BD%CE%BF%CF%82%2c+%CE%BF%CE%BD%3a+~pertaining+to+showin) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 454). New York: United Bible Societies. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)