

Hospitality: Living Love in the Last Days

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7-9

Sunday, May 25, 2014

INTRODUCTION:

What is “hospitality”? Taken literally from the Greek, it is best defined as “a love of strangers”

HOSPITALITY THROUGH SCRIPTURE:

- Consider the _____: Genesis 2; 18; 1 Samuel 25; 1 Kings 17; Leviticus 19:34
- Consider _____: Luke 14:12-14; Matthew 25:34-36
- Consider _____: John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:19; Ephesians 5:1-2; Mark 12:31

FOUR KEY POINTS ON LIVING LOVE THROUGH HOSPITALITY:

1. Hospitality is _____. (v. 9b)

2. Hospitality is _____ in _____. (v. 9a)

Scriptures: James 2:15-17; Romans 12:13

3. Hospitality Requires _____. (v. 8)

- Hospitality ultimately serves as a _____ to God’s _____.

3 Sound Barriers to Break Through to Tell of God’s Grace:

a. _____ Sound Barrier

b. _____ Sound Barrier

c. _____ Sound Barrier

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4. Hospitality is _____ I. (v. 7)

Hospitality is essential as the end of all things draws near, because...

A. Hospitality meets real _____ of _____.

B. Hospitality exposes _____ in our _____.

C. Hospitality puts _____ on _____.

Response:

1. A Call to ACTION: Be Summer LIGHTs

Lovingly Invite. Graciously Host. Tell.

- A. **Shine In:** Invite one other individual, couple or family FROM HARBOUR SHORES into your home this summer...and keep inviting until you find someone who is willing and able!
- B. **Shine Out:** Invite one other individual, couple or family FROM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH into your home this summer and break through the sound barriers with them. If someone turns you down, invite them another time or invite someone else! Lovingly Invite them, Graciously Host them and Tell them of the grace of Christ!

2. A Call to MEDITATION: Meditate on Hospitality

- During the next few days, **READ** one passage on Hospitality each day.
- After you've read the Scripture, **WRITE** down the main point on hospitality from that passage.
- Next, **PRAY**. Pray that you will implement the attitudes and actions prescribed in Scripture in regards to hospitality.
- Finally, **PLAN** and **ACT** on what you have read, considered and prayed about. Be Summer LIGHTs.

Main Point on Hospitality

Isaiah 58:6-7

Matthew 25:31-46

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FOUR KEY POINTS ON LIVING LOVE THROUGH HOSPITALITY:

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2. Hospitality is **Love in Action**. (v. 9a)

Scriptures: James 2:15-17; Romans 12:13

3. Hospitality Requires **Grace**. (v. 8)

- Hospitality ultimately serves as a **window** to God's **Grace**.

3 Sound Barriers to Break Through to Tell of God's Grace:

- Natural Sound Barrier***
- Spiritual Sound Barrier***
- Gospel Sound Barrier***

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