

WHY PRACTICE HOSPITALITY THIS SUMMER!?

Pastor Joel Spiridigliozzi / June 29, 2008

Audio Message available at <http://www.kingstreet.org/audio/>

I. HOSPITALITY AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. GENESIS 18:1-8 ABRAHAM'S HOSPITALITY TOWARDS THREE STRANGERS

B. 2 KINGS 4:8-10 A SHUNAMMITE WOMAN SHOWS HOSPITALITY TO ELISHA

C. JOB 31:32 JOB'S HOSPITALITY WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

"...but no stranger had to spend the night in the street, for my door was always open to the traveler."

II. HOSPITALITY AND THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Greek term for "hospitality" is *philoxenia* which means a "love of strangers" – to receive a guest.

A. LUKE 7:36-47 JESUS IS SHOWN HOSPITALITY BY A WOMAN

B. JOHN 13"1-17 JESUS SHOWS HOSPITALITY TOWARDS HIS DISCIPLES BY WASHING THEIR FEET

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

C. LUKE 11:5-8 JESUS TELLS A STORY OF HOSPITALITY

III. PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY

1. Hospitality With A Smile

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling" (1Peter 4:9).

2. Hospitality: Something To Be Experienced

"No", said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me" (John 13"8).

3. Hospitality With The Divine In Mind

"When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'" (Matthew 25:38-40).

4. Hospitality With The Stranger In Mind

"Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers, or relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although, they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous'" (Luke 14:12-14).

"Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:1,2).

ACTION PLAN!

Have a plan and make the time –

Think of **three** individuals/couples/families you would like to show hospitality to this summer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____