

# Hospitality

The gift of hospitality is the ability to enjoy meeting new people and providing a warm welcome, food, friendship, or shelter.

## Scriptural References

Genesis 18:1-8, 1 Kings 17:8-24, Matthew 10:40-42, Matthew 25:34-40, Acts 16:14-15, Romans 16:23, Titus 1:7-8, Hebrews 13:1-2, 1 Peter 4:9

## Biblical Models

Abraham and Sarah, Widow Elijah stayed with, Peter's mother, Martha, Lydia

## People with this gift can

- Create a warm, welcoming environment.
- Meet new people and help them feel welcome.
- Provide a safe and comfortable setting where relationships can be built.
- Connect people together.
- Set people at ease.

## Cautions

- Family members may suffer.
- May see other's natural reserve as unfriendly.
- May burn out.

## Personal Traits

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| • Caring   | • Outgoing   | • Trustworthy |
| • Friendly | • Sensitive  | • Inviting    |
| • Sincere  | • Peacemaker |               |

## Tips for nurturing this gift

- Let your church know this is your gift.
- Consider offering to host small groups in your home.

## Possible Tasks

- Small group host, greeter / usher, hosting fellowship events, visiting new comers, ...

## Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

Greet others graciously.