

HOSPITALITY

Literal Meaning: To love strangers

Description: The gift of **Hospitality** is the divine enablement to care for people by providing fellowship, food, and shelter.

Distinctives:

- Provide an environment where people feel valued and cared for
- Meet new people and help them to feel welcomed
- Create a safe and comfortable setting where relationships can develop
- Seek ways to connect people together into meaningful relationships
- Set people at ease in unfamiliar surroundings

Traits:

- Friendly
- Gracious
- Inviting
- Trusting
- Caring
- Responsive
- Warm

Cautions:

- Should avoid viewing their gift as just “entertaining”
- Need to remember to ask *God* who he wants them to befriend and serve
- Should be careful not to cause stress in their own family when inviting others into their home

Scripture References: 1 Peter 4:9-10; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:1-2

1. Do you enjoy having people in your home or welcoming them to your church home?
2. Do you enjoy watching people meet and have fun at parties and events you helped to plan and host?
3. Is your home the kind that most people feel comfortable in and drop by to visit unannounced?
4. Do you feel that something is really missing in your life when you cannot have guests into your home or host them at church?
5. When you think of your church, do you view it from the perspective of guests who will visit?
6. Do you consider your home as a place of ministry?