



HOSPITALITY

1. **Definition**

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- hospitable, generous to guests
- KJV-- given to (lover of, use) hospitality.

2. **Duty to hospitality**

- We are commanded to – Rom 12:13, 1Tim 3:2
- Not to do it grudgingly – 1 Pt 4:9
- Let it be to your good works – 1 Tim 5:10
- Love hospitality – Tit 1:8
- Do not neglect entertaining – Heb 13:2

3. **Examples of hospitality**

- Pharaoh to Abraham – Gen 12:16
- Melchizedek to Abraham – Gen 14:18
- Abraham to the angels – Gen 18:1-8
- Lot to the angel – Gen 19:1-11
- Abimelech to Abraham – Gen 20:14-15
- Sons of Heth to Abraham – Gen 23:6
- Laban to Abraham's servant – Gen 24:31
- Laban to Jacob – Gen 29:13-14
- Isaac to Abimelech – Gen 26:30
- Joseph to his brothers – Gen 43:31-34
- Pharaoh to Jacob – Gen 45:16-20
- Jethro to Moses – Ex 2:20
- Rahab to the spies – Josh 2:1-16
- Man of Gibeah to the Levite – Jud 19:16-21
- Pharaoh to Hadad – 1 Kings 11:17
- David to Mephibosheth – 2 Sam 9:7-13
- The widow of Zarephath to Elijah – 1 Kings 17:10-24
- The Shunammite woman to Elisha – 2 Kings 4:8
- Elisha to the Syrian spies – 2 Kings 6:22
- Job to strangers – Job 31:32
- Martha to Jesus – Lk 10:38
- Pharisees to Jesus – Lk 11:37-38
- Zacchaeus to Jesus – Lk 19:1-10
- Simon the tanner to Peter – Acts 10:6

- Lydia to Paul and Silas – Acts 16:15
- Publius to Paul – Acts 28:2
- Phoebe to Paul – Rom 16:2
- Onesiphorus to Paul – 2Tim1:16
- Gaius – 3 Jhn 1:5-8

4. **Jesus received hospitality**

- In the home of Matthew – Mt 9:10
- In the home of Simon the leper – Mk 14:3
- In the home of a Pharisee – Lk 7:36
- In the home of Martha – Lk 10:38
- In the home of one of the chief Pharisees – Lk 14:1
- In the home of Zaccheus – Lk 19:7
- At Emmaus – Lk 24:29
- At Cana of Galilee – Jn 2:2

5. **Instruction to the guests**

- Not to prolong visits – Pr 25:17
- Not to seek social pre-eminence – Lk 14:8-9
- Not to be critical of the food – 1Cor 10:27

6. **Summary**

Always be ready and eager to entertain