

Hospitality – Lover of Strangers

Lecture Outline

I. Introduction

- A. Personal Examples of Hospitality (or a Lack of It)
- B. Biblical Examples
- C. A Requirement for Elders (1 Tim. 3:2, Titus 1:8)

II. Meaning of “Hospitality”

Greek: *philoxenios*

Hospitality refers to the practice of _____.

III. All Christians Should Practice Hospitality.

- A. Outward Workings of the Christ-Committed Life (Rom. 12:1, 13)
- B. Peter stressed even during the trials of life, hospitality is a priority (1 Peter 4:8-9).
- C. The writer Hebrews speaks of the importance of hospitality (Heb. 13:1-2).

IV. A Practical Aspect of Shepherding

- A. Venue – The best place is in _____
- B. Do hospitality as a _____ with your spouse
- C. _____ and _____, make a list well ahead of time
- D. Divide up the congregation among the _____
- E. Keep it simple.
- F. Ask about food allergies.
- G. Set priorities.
- H. Encourage spiritual conversation, but don't force it.

V. Conclusion