Introduction to the topic of

HOSPITALITY

Is Hillview Bible Chapel a hospitable church?


YES!

Are the families at Hillview Bible Chapel hospitable families?


YES!

However…

…there is always room for improvement!

“Hospitality” comes from the same root as the word “Hospital””



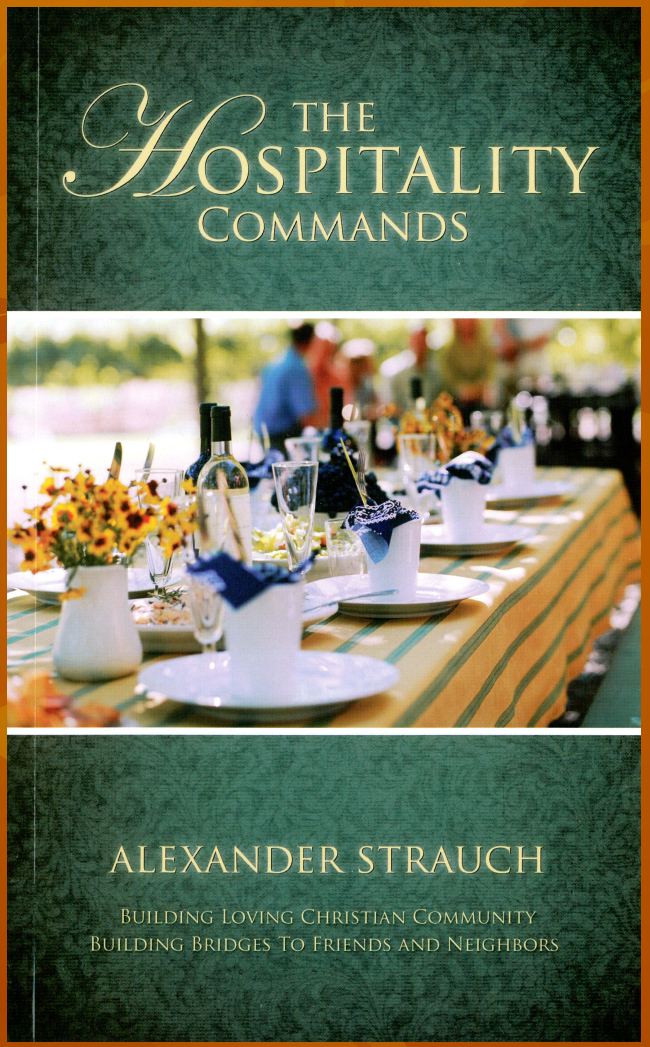
(5,650,000 entries…)

First definition of hospitality:

"Cordial reception: kindness in welcoming guests or strangers"

Websters:

The act or service of welcoming, receiving, hosting, or entertaining strangers or guests without reward and with kind and generous liberality…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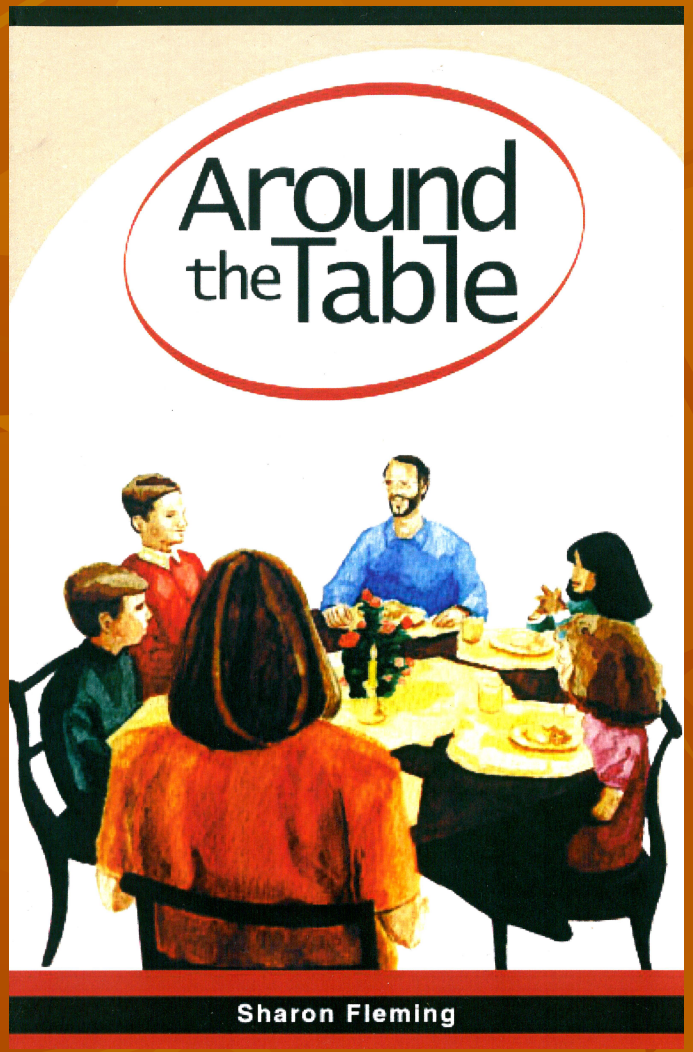

Around the Table
Sharon Fleming


Distributing to the necessity of saints;
given to Hospitality.
~ Romans 12:13
Given to Hospitality
RECIPE BOOK

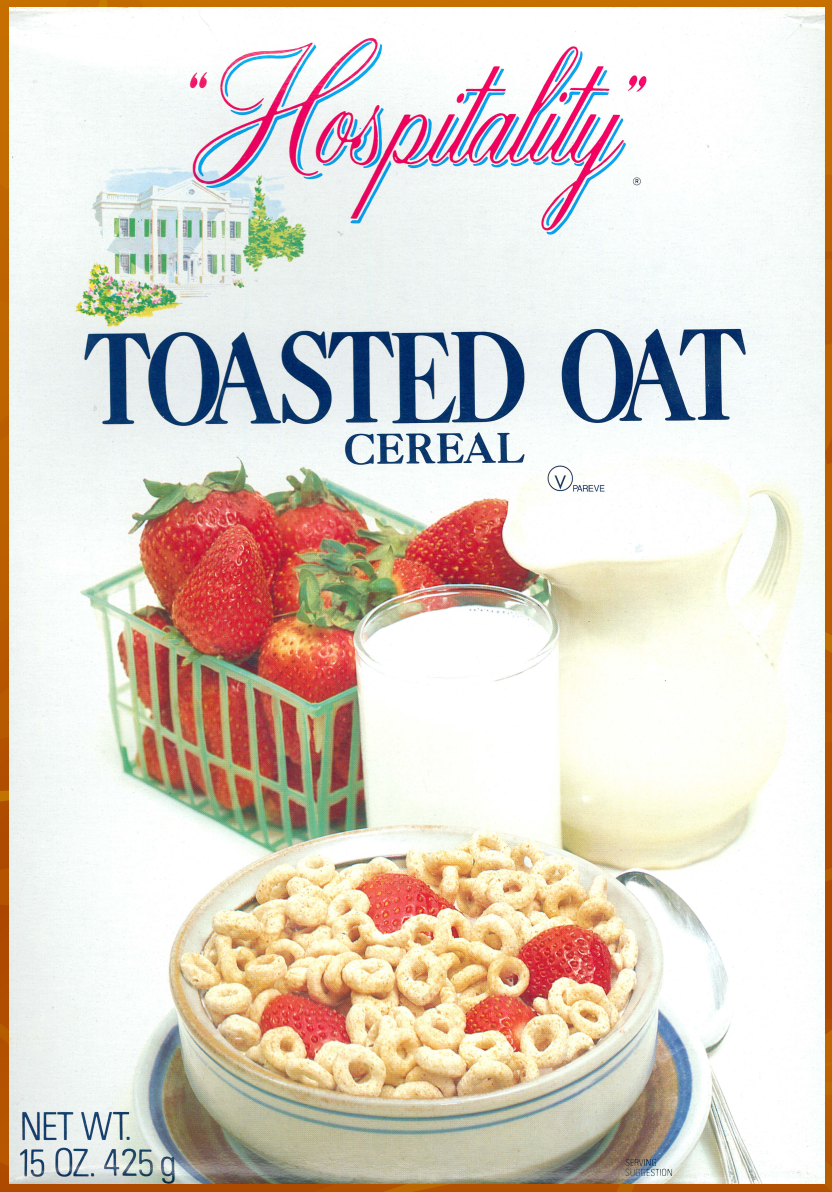
Making others feel as comfortable in my home as they are in their own.

Hospitality is relentless servitude, and extravagant provision for others, with no eye towards any personal gain or personal need.

Hospitality, that pure and unhindered, has much more than the power to feed... it has the power to change lives....

Hospitality is welcoming someone else into your life in a practical way, so that others can see Jesus in your life.

Hospitality is not simply giving something to someone. Hospitality begins with a generous and merciful heart.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What does the Bible say about hospitality?

Do not forget to entertain strangers…

(Hebrews 13:2a)

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

(Romans 12:13b)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

(Matthew 25:35-36)

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3. You invited me in
4. You clothed me
5. You looked after me
6. You came to visit me

(Matthew 25:35-36)



Gary and Vivian Michael



Viviana and Estella

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?

(James 2:15-16)



Pérez Luna family near Ensenada



Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach…

(1 Timothy 3:2)

What is the first step you can take to become hospitable?

Pray that God will give you a generous and merciful heart.

The base:

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13

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