

“PRACTICING HOSPITALITY”

Biblical Truths and Ways to Serve Others

I PURPOSE OF HOSPITALITY

A. Two Types of Hospitality Defined

1. **Friends and Family**- “generous reception of guests” Webster
2. **Biblical**
 - a. Reception and entertainment of strangers- Gen. 18:4-8, Matt. 25:35, I Pet. 4:9
 - b. Christians are commanded to pursue and “practice hospitality”- Rom. 12:13
 - c. “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained Angels without knowing it” Heb. 13:2

B. True Purpose- Serving One Another

1. Seeks to minister and serve “.....through love serve one another” Gal. 5:13
2. Fulfills fellowship I John 1:7
3. Encourages discipleship II Tim.3:16

II PROCEDURES IN HOSPITALITY

A. Proper Mindset

1. **Attitude** II Cor. 9:7, “Hospitality before Pride” OPEN HEART, OPEN HOME, K. Mains
2. **Enthusiasm** “A joyful heart makes a cheerful face...”Prov. 15:13, Rom 12:8

III PREPARATION AND PLAN FOR HOSPITALITY

- A. Prepare- Home and Front Porch Test
- B. Plan- Organize what you can do and start simple
- C. Prayer

IV PRACTICE HOSPITALITY

- A. Home (types of things to do)
- B. Hospitality Gifts To Give
- C. Hospitality To Go
- D. Hospitality Hints

