



SPIRITUAL GIFTS: HOSPITALITY

DESCRIPTION

Those with this gift have the ability to make visitors, guests, and strangers feel at ease. They often use their home to entertain guests. Persons with this gift integrate new members into the body (1 Peter 4:9).

ABOUT HOSPITALITY

The special gift whereby the Holy Spirit enables certain Christians to open their homes willingly and offer lodging, food, and fellowship cheerfully to other people. This gift causes the believer to joyfully open his or her home for meetings and overnight visitors, making people feel welcome and comfortable. Guests and strangers are graciously served.

The Greek word for “hospitality” is *“philoxenia”*, meaning, “love of strangers.” The hospitable person is comfortable entertaining others - family, relatives, friends to be sure, but most especially when welcoming strangers. People with this gift have a special sensitivity with others, and they know how to make people feel at ease and wanted. Making strangers feel comfortable and at home takes the form of a ministry that helps dispel loneliness and builds a sense of community.

Hospitality was not mentioned specifically as a gift in scripture, but there is wide acceptance of hospitality as a gift because it was used effectively to build up the body and also for community ministry. All Christians should be hospitable to one another - it is a Christian duty to be kind to strangers. Some Christians, however, feel drawn to reach out to strangers and to invite them into their home - evidence of a supernatural gift.

SHADOW SIDE OF HOSPITALITY

Because people with this gift genuinely love all people they can run into having many relationships that are shallow and can be over scheduled because of their ability and desire to connect with lots of people. People with this gift should intentionally seek out a few good friends that will support and uplift them.

SCRIPTURE

- Genesis 18:1-15
- Romans 12:13
- 1 Peter 4:9
- 1 Timothy 3:2, 5:10; Titus 1:8
- Hebrews 13:2
- 2 John 10-11
- 3 John 5-8, 10

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Ushering
- Hospitality Team
- Event Planning
- Cafe
- Food Service
- Youth Ministry
- Children’s Ministry

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- “How to Change the World with Christian Hospitality” [CLICK HERE](#)