

TOPIC	HOSPITALITY
DATE	Sunday, June 15 th , 2026

MEMORY VERSE	“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” Hebrews 13:2.
LESSON TEXT	Matthew 25:31-46

LESSON INTRODUCTION
Hospitality is defined as the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers. According to Hebrews 13:2, we are instructed to make it a duty to entertain even strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. Acts of hospitality were pivotal in the spread of the gospel as the early apostles relied on the hospitality of the brethren. In early times hospitality was mainly about strangers, especially the ones in desperate need of help. Judging from how hospitality was perceived in the early days you were hospitable when you treated people well, especially complete strangers. Every child of God must always be willing to be hospitable.
LESSON OUTLINE A. TYPES OF HOSPITALITY B. WHY WE MUST BE HOSPITABLE C. WHO YOU SHOULD BE HOSPITABLE TO D. BENEFITS OF HOSPITALITY
A. TYPES OF HOSPITALITY 1. Shelter: Gen. 19:1-8 talks about how Lot accommodated complete strangers who turned out to be angels. We have a very similar situation being foreigners in this land. How many of us can boast of opening our house to complete strangers who just relocated to the country without complaining about the excessive use of power or water. How do we treat brethren who just got into the country and are trying to settle down. We can learn a thing or two from Lot. May the lord help us to open our hearts and home to those desperately in need. Amen. 2. Clothing: Another way to show hospitality to others is by clothing them (Isa. 58:7). How many times have we thought about a sister or a brother among us who we know needs clothing and we have helped with it. Do we regularly donate to the homeless? Let us go through our closet and bring out those good clothes we have not worn in years and show love to those in need of it. 3. Food: The bible encourages us to feed the hungry. We can show this love in our church and communities either through quarterly or monthly food drives. Lev. 19:9-10, Ruth 2:2-17 4. Emergency assistance. Rom. 12:13 B. WHY WE MUST BE HOSPITABLE 1. God wants us to be hospitable: The story of the good Samaritan in Lk. 10:30-37 explains that we do not need to know someone before we are good or render help to them. It is what God loves; it is what He wants. As Christians, being hospitable should be our way of life. Rom.12:13 2. It is a requirement for church leaders. 1 Tim. 3:2 3. It shows love. 1 Pt. 4:8-10. C. WHO YOU SHOULD BE HOSPITABLE TO 1. Members of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10

2. Widows, Fatherless. **Job 31:16-23**

3. Foreigners. **Deut. 24:19-22**

D. BENEFITS OF HOSPITALITY

1. It opens doors to supernatural blessing. **Gen. 18:2-8**
2. You might be paying it forward. **Lk. 16:19-24**
3. Acts of hospitality honors God.
4. When joined with fasting produces speedy healing. **Isa.58:7-8**

CONCLUSION

Eph. 2:12 reminds us that we were once without hope but through salvation, an example of hospitality offered by God, we received eternal hope. He sent his son to die for us while we were yet sinners to change our status from outsiders to children of God. Your hospitality can change someone's status too.

QUESTIONS

1. Give an example of how you have shown hospitality to strangers.
2. How can the church help with hospitality in their community?
3. How can hospitality improve our lives as Christians?

FURTHER READING

SUN: 2 Sam. 17:27-29; MON: Acts 16; TUE: Gen. 18; WED: 1 Kings 17; THUR: 2 Kings 4; FRI: Neh. 5; SAT: Judg.19:1-4.