



The Spiritual Gift of Hospitality

Definition

The gift of Hospitality is the God-given ability to care for people by providing friendly reception, food, and lodging.

Gifts in Action

Lydia made her living selling purple cloth and dyed goods in the city of Thyatira. After Paul presented the Gospel she became a believer in Jesus. She volunteered to host Paul and his companions during his missionary journey to Philippi, insisting they stay at her home as long as they wanted. Her gracious hospitality freed Paul from having to find lodging and preparing meals while doing his mission work. (Acts 16:13-15)

Scripture References for Hospitality

- 1 Peter 4:9-10
- Romans 12:13
- Luke 10:38

People With This Gift Like to...

- Provide an environment where people feel valued and cared for.
- Seek ways to connect people together into meaningful relationships.
- Set people at ease in unfamiliar surroundings.

Characteristics of People With Hospitality

- Friendly
- Gracious
- Inviting
- Trusting
- Caring
- Responsive
- Warm

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Hospitality

- Host a small group Bible study
- Provide food for church meals (funerals, receptions, special events)
- Serve meals at a local soup kitchen or food pantry
- Be a member of the guest services team (usher, greeter, etc.)
- Prepare coffee for church services and events

RECOMMENDED READING:

Just Open the Door - A Study of Biblical Hospitality by Jen Schmidt
The Gospel Comes with a House Key - Rosaria Butterfield