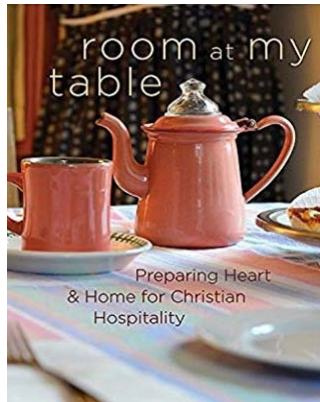




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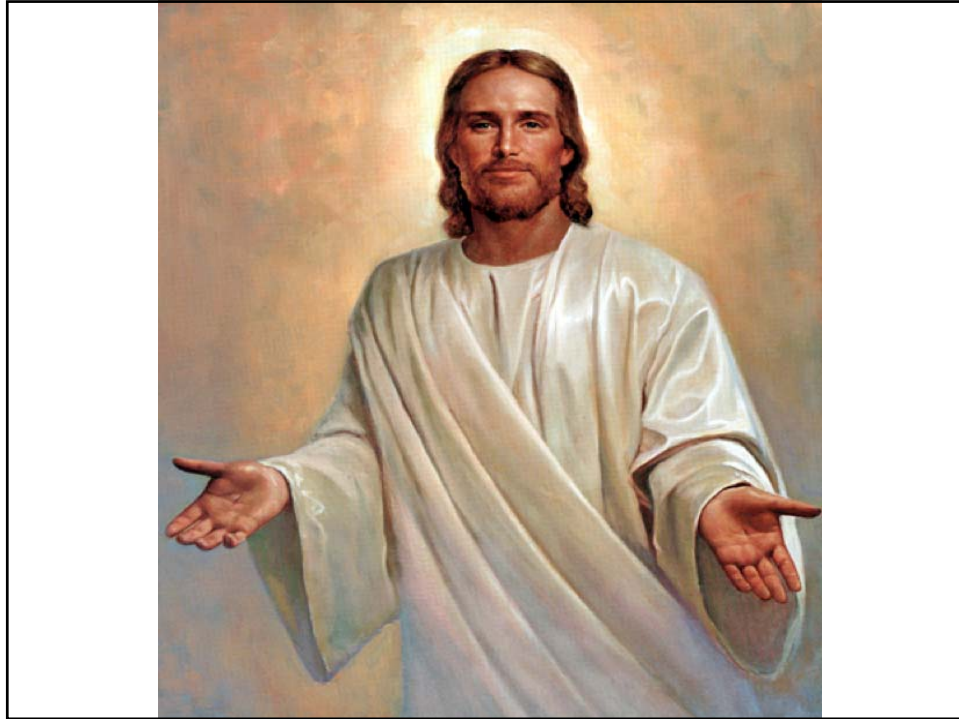


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God of hospitality, we invite you into our fellowship today. Come, not as our guest, but as our host. Delight us with your company. Share with us truths from your word, and challenge us to be more like You in the way we offer ourselves and our homes to others. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.



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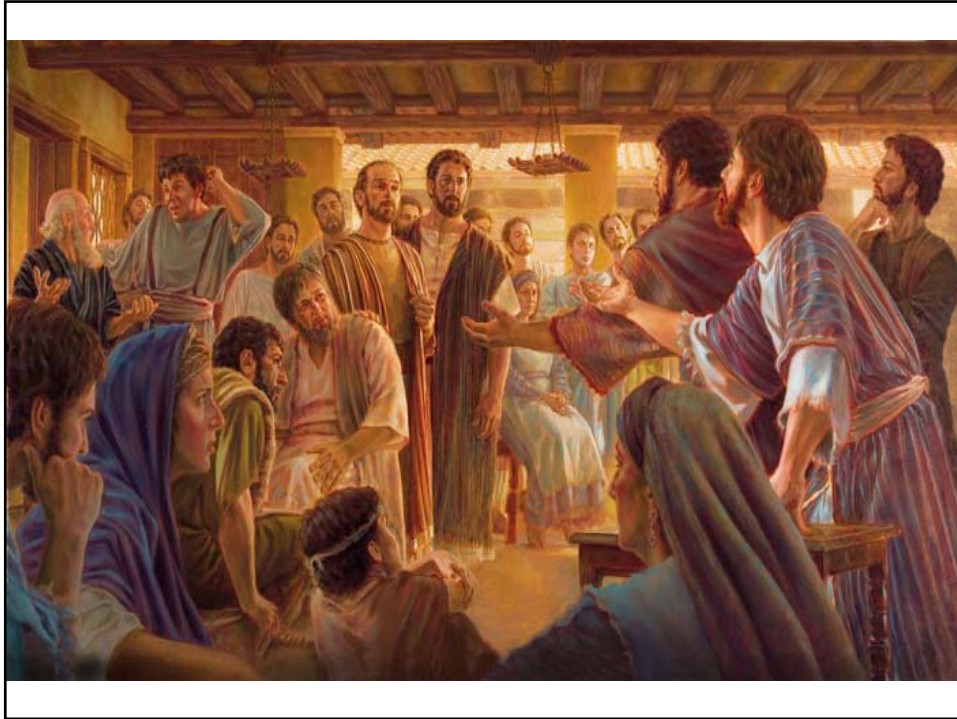
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"They [the early church] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles..."



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All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts...

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

—Acts 2:42-47



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Dear Friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God...

It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.

—3 John 5-8



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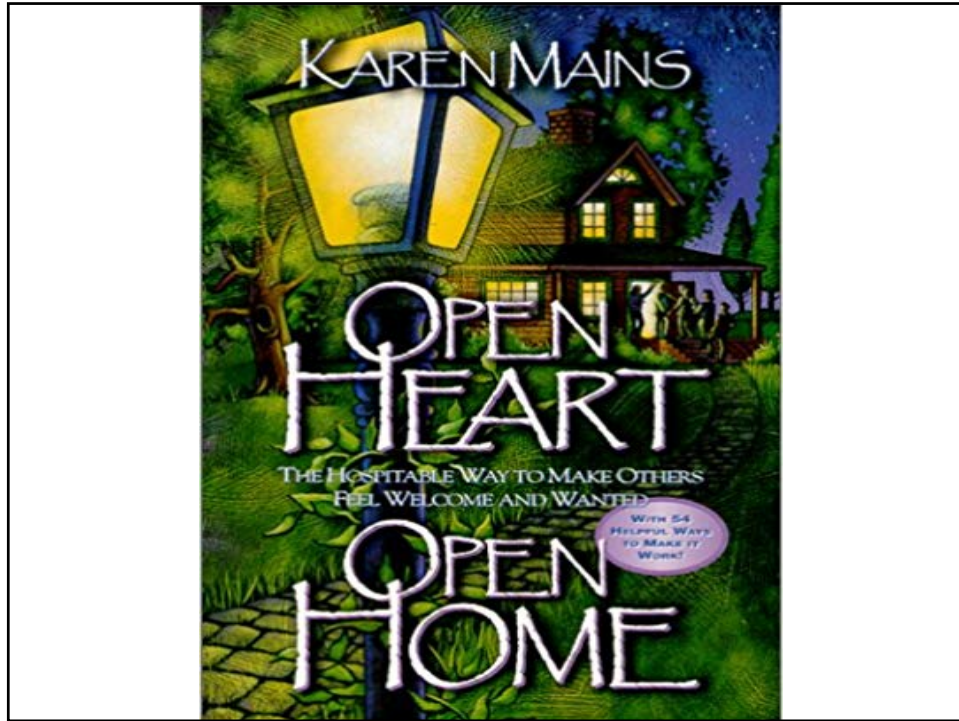
I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will have nothing to do with us. So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, gossiping maliciously about us...

Not satisfied with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

—3 John 9-10



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And he lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ quite openly and unhindered.

—Acts 28:30-31

Essence of
Hospitality



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"A heart open to God
with room prepared
for the Guestness of
the Holy Spirit, which
welcomes the Presence
of Christ."





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On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God...

The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

—Acts 16:13-15



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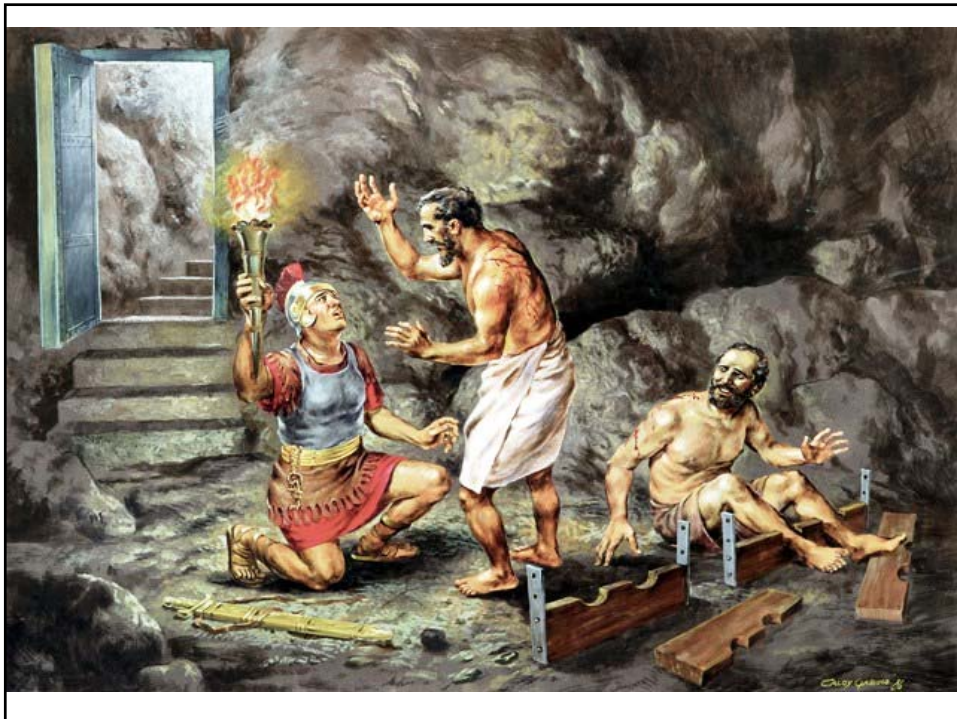
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- In the last days, hospitality should be very active.
- When God opens a heart, or performs some great mercy, giving service to Him is an immediate response of our gratitude.





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At that hour, the jailor washed their wounds and his whole family was baptized. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them.

—Acts 16:33





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"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

—Romans 12:13



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Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

—Hebrews 13:2

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

—Romans 15:7



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"Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,"

—1 Timothy 3:2





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"Many, besides children, need 'hiding places' for short or longer periods of time."

—Karen Mains



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Open-home-a-phobic, *noun*
(*op-en-hom-a-fo-bick*). From
Latin *phobicus*, Greek *phobikos*,

1. Someone terrified to open his or her home to guests.

Open-home-a-phobic (*Continued...*)

2. Someone filled with anxiety due to the overwhelming feelings that his or her home is not good enough for company, the rooms not large enough, the food not tasty enough.



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Open-home-a-phobic *(Continued...)*

3. Someone who panics at the thought of fitting hospitality into a schedule jammed with deadlines, timelines and bottom lines.

Open-home-a-phobic *(Continued...)*

Symptoms include: gagging at the word "guest"; uncontrollable urges to hide when the doorbell rings; sweating when the church bulletin pleads for people to include internationals for holiday meals.

—Karen Mains



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How To Extend Hospitality

- For the scaredy-cat:

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