## HOSPITALITY

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- What Is Hospitality?
  - Comes from 2 words. Love (*philo*) and stranger (*xenia*). Lit. Love of strangers.
  - "The generous and gracious treatment of guest."
  - Old Testament teaching on hospitality.
    Gen. 18:2-8; Lev. 19:33-34; 25:35
  - New Testament continuation. Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2

- Hospitality is Rooted in Love:
  - Commands for hospitality are almost always found in the context of love.
     Rom. 12:9-10, 13; Heb. 13:1-2
  - This love is rooted in God's love.
    1 Jn. 4:19-21
  - This love is then reflected in our relationships to each other. Jn. 13:34-35;1 Pet. 1:22

- Hospitality is The New Testament Norm:
  - Greeted each other like family (Rom. 16:16).
  - Shared their possessions (Acts 2:44-45).
  - Opened their homes for the church (Rom. 16:5).
  - Ate together (Acts 2:46).
  - Were hospitable to the brethren (Acts 16:15; 21:8).

- Pursuing Hospitality:
  - **1.** I need to be *open* to hospitality.
  - 2. Plan to be hospitable.
  - 3. Make a list of those who would be encouraged by your offer of hospitality.
  - 4. Be interested in people's lives.