



## 1. Introduction

a. What does hospitality mean?

- host/hostess with their guests

- opening up your home to guests

- sharing your possessions with guests

b. Prov 10:12 hate stirs up fights & anger (strife), but love covers all sins

- 1 Pet 4:8 love will cover a multitude of sins

c. Love foundation of hospitality

- Heb 13:2 entertain strangers

- Heb 13:1 brotherly love continues

## 2. Hospitality

a. Love given to guest or stranger

- Mt 5:44 bless them who curse you (Jesus)

\* do good to them who hate you

- Lk 6:28 pray for them who cruelly use you (Jesus)

b. Principle of God's love shown

- Mt 3:1 kingdom of heaven

- Mt 3:8 fruit of good works fit for repentance

- Lk 3:10 What shall we do?

- Lk 3:11 share your things

\* 2 coats? give one who has none

\* have food? give some to hungry person

### 3. Uses of Hospitality

- a. Bishop/pastor/elder given to hospitality
  - common habit of man
  - 1 Tim 3:1-2
- b. Bishop/pastor/elder
  - lover of hospitality
  - Titus 1:7-8
- c. Charity, love, & good works to be common among Christians & church leaders

### 4. Difficulties of Hospitality

- a. With love (positive)
  - God's children showing God's love to others
- b. Avoiding attitude of grudges (~~mega~~ against negative)
  - without grumbles, mumblings & voices of displeasure
  - without grudges
  - without feelings of burdens
  - picture of church at Ephesus
  - \* Rev 2:4 "I have something against you; you have left your first love."
- c. Difficult to show God's love in your hospitality when you have:
  - a grudge (secret resentment)
  - secret arguments
  - displeasure in good actions

### 5. Conclusion (Mt 5:45)

- a. Show to everyone that you are God's child
- b. God's character
  - God the Father has the sun rise each morning on evil & good people
  - God the Father sends rain on just people & unjust people