

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY:
A HEART THAT SEES AND EMBRACES NEED, PT 4
MATTHEW 25:31-46
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INTRODUCTION

For the last month, we have been talking about biblical hospitality which is outlined clearly in the New Testament. We have discovered a clear mandate from Scripture to pursue hospitality. Hospitality is to be strategic which means we are to plan for it. We are to look for opportunities because our purpose for having others come into our homes (and lives) is to communicate the greatness of our God.

Therefore, hospitality is a concrete, down-to-earth test of our fervent love for God and His people. Hospitality is love in action. Hospitality is the flesh and muscle on the bones of love. Through caring acts of hospitality, the reality of our love is tested. Hospitality is about being a certain type of person. Jesus Christ calls us to have a heart like His. A heart that sees and embraces need.

Matthew 9 is one of the greatest demonstrations of Christ's compassion to human need. In this chapter alone, we observe:

- *v. 2-7--- Jesus healing the paralytic
- *v. 10-12--- Jesus eating a meal with sinners
- *v. 18-26--- Jesus was approached by a synagogue leader because his daughter had just died, and the woman touched the hem of His garment.
- *v. 27-30--- Two blind men came to Jesus and were healed.
- *v. 32--- A Demon possessed man was set free by Jesus

We turn our attention tonight to Matthew 25:31-46 as the concluding message in this series. The scene in Matthew 25 is the judgment. From this passage we notice three certainties:

- I. WE WILL STAND BEFORE CHRIST TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF OUR LIVES.

II. WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE ALONE---HOWEVER GRACE BEARS FRUIT.

III. WHEN WE GIVE OURSELVES TO OTHERS---WE ARE GIVING TO THE LORD HIMSELF.

APPLICATION: YOUR MINISTRY PLAN

What is your ministry plan to obey the biblical command to “pursue hospitality”? (Romans 12:13)

***Strategic Hospitality:**

1. Invite Others Into Your Life and Home. Think strategically how your kitchen and living room might be a launching pad for ministry and missions.

2. Greet and Welcome People. Invite them to Bible study. Show them where things are. Let them read the hospitality of God in your smile. When you enter this building, our thinking should be on others.

3. Dream and plan hospitality for your neighbors....open your home to International Students....Truly there are endless opportunities.

4. Bring the Word of God into your Time Together

a. **Become skilled in sharing your Grace Story**

b. **Become familiar and think through what it means to walk someone through the Gospel leading them to Christ.**

ROMAN ROAD

Romans 3:23- Romans 6:23- Romans 5:8- Romans 10:13-

CONCLUSION

Biblical hospitality is a call to know the Gospel, to love the Gospel, to glory in the Gospel, to live the Gospel, and to proclaim the Gospel. Open your home and your life to others. Ask the Lord to give you a heart that sees and embraces need around you, and may we scatter from this place taking the Name of Jesus with us.