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Hospitality

Hospitality means love being utilized with pleasure in caring for brothers or sisters, to aid, in some way, workers who visit or are traveling through on their way to serve the Body elsewhere. Any clan that doesn't offer hospitality to any of these is cut off from the Vine, unless they repent with restitution (1 Tim 3:2; 1 Pet 4:9). If anyone does not give hospitality, is not moved by the Spirit to give this grace to visitors, he is cut off from grace, from the Vine (Tit 1:8; Acts 28:7; Rom 12:13; 16:23; 1 Tim 5:10; 2 John 8; Heb 13:1-2).

Throughout the Bible the responsibility of caring for the traveler and those in need is taken for granted, as the nations do these things (Gen 18:1-2; 19; Heb 13:1-2). The strangers, or fellow disciples of our one Master, are received as honored guests, and the best possible provision is made for them (Ex 2:20), for outsiders. Mt 25 — The nations are rewarded for hospitality to the male child, and to any one of us (Mt 25:40).

Mt 25:42; 10:9; Luke 10:4 — A refusal to receive them in a hospitable way — it's the same as rejecting their message, even as Luke 10:16. And how much more are we responsible who have the Holy Spirit (Luke 7:44).

Rom 12:13 — Contributing to the needs of fellow disciples — a task to be carried out with determination. It says *given to hospitality* — literally pursuing without complaint, not allowing it to elude them due to selfishness on their part (Gal 6:10; Phm 1:22; 1 Pet 4:8-10; Heb 12:1,2), not grudging performance, but a cheerful giver. Hospitality springs from love, so it is offered ungrudgingly, as Heb 13:1-2; 1 Tim 3:2; 5:10; Tit 1:8; 3 Jn 5-8; From love — 1 Thes 4:9-10; 2 Pet 1:7; 1 Jn 4:7-11; Mt 18:21-22; 1 Cor 13:5; Eph 4:32.

Rom 12:13 — Contributing, distributing, *koinonia* — in common, pursuing hospitality (Acts 2:44-47; Rom 12:9-13; 1 Pet 4:7-10).

Rom 12:13 — In the Greek New Testament, it is the same word as Acts 2:42 — *koinonea*, *fellowship* — having in common the needs of the holy ones, pursuing hospitality. Share what you have with God's people according to their need (Acts 4:32-35). Rom 12:13 — Have all things in common, pursuing hospitality, contributing to the needs of the saints (1 Jn 3:17).