

Biblical Hospitality...

Is	Is not
required of all Christians	the luxury of the wealthy only
welcoming the marginalized and the powerless and the stranger	welcoming the familiar and influential
making room--inviting people into my life	making time--keeping people on the periphery my life and periodically putting my life on hold for them
personal investment of myself	removed investment of my physical resources only
shared out of what I have	shared out of what I have left over
seeing the guest as my friend--persevering	seeing the guest as my client--Seeking to solve problems and achieve success
being willing to be helped and nourished by the gifts of my guest because I understand that I am both a stranger and a host to Jesus.	being reluctant to relinquish my role as host and seeking to maintain power and distance, disempowering my guest
nourished by prayer and community	easily exhausted because I am not connected to a community and I seek to provide for the needs of guests by myself
based in gratitude for God's provision for us and practiced in the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit	based in my assessment of my own ability to provide for others and begrudging or panicking when "boundaries" are crossed
rejoicing in participating in the Lord's provision for the stranger and dependent upon the Lord for that provision.	seeing myself as a stranger's only hope and despairing at not being able to solve every problem or alleviate every pain