



LIVING IN SACRED RHYTHM | “HOSPITALITY AS CHRISTIAN WITNESS”

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Matthew 5:43–48 (NIV)

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the

unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Notes:

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“For the Christian, hospitality is the natural outflowing expression of what it means to be in Christ toward others in our person and from our homes and out in the public sphere.”

Two Bases: Creation & Redemption

“He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.” Matthew 5:45

“For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!” Romans 5:10

- Practice hospitality (Romans 12:13)
- Offer hospitality without grumbling (1 Peter 4:9)
- Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers (Hebrews 13:2–4)

Two Challenges: Atheism & Institutionalism

Two Aspects: True Truth & True Spirituality

Our hospitality grows out of God's hospitality

When we welcome people into our home, we see that at a profound level we are guests as well. In extending the gifts God gives to us, we are expressing the content of the gospel in how we do it.

“My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.” 1 Corinthians 2:4, 5