

**LESSON TITLE:
THE HEART OF
HOSPITALITY**

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It's Your Turn

**Lesson Two:
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Hospitality**

**“Hospitality isn’t about
our home; it’s about you
heart.”**

Hospitality is “the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.”

Leviticus 19:33-34, When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt.

Matthew 10:9-10, “Don't take along any gold, silver, or copper coins. And don't carry a traveling bag or an extra shirt or sandals or a walking stick. Workers deserve their food.”

Acts 2:44-45, And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

Acts 28:7, There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days.

**Luke 9:58, “Foxes have dens and birds
have nests, but the Son of Man has no
place to lay His head”**

**Home is an outward expression of
yourself. Hospitality is about opening
yourself to others.**

Four Ways to Practice Hospitality:

1. Welcome Outsiders.

**John 4:9-10, The Samaritan woman said to Him, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?”
(For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)**

John 4:9-10, Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.

2. Humbly Serve Others.

Philippians 2:5-8, In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

**“The measure of a man’s
greatness is not the number of
servants he has, but the number
of people he serves.”**

3. Be Authentic.

"You can't keep your true self hidden forever; before long you'll be exposed. You can't hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip, and your true face will be known"

“Authentic living involves shedding old ways and embracing a transformed life aligned with God’s truth.”

Luke 7:36-39, When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, He went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, So she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind Him at His feet, she began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, He would know who is touching Him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

LUKE 7:36-39

**“Busyness is the unrivaled
archenemy of spiritual
authenticity.”**

4. Engage People.

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many scolded him to get him to be quiet, but he shouted more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So, they called the blind man and said to him, “Have courage! Get up! He is calling you. “He threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

**Matthew 10:46-52, Then Jesus said to him,
“What do you want me to do for you?” The
blind man replied, “Rabbi, let me see again.”
Jesus said to him, “Go, your faith has healed
you.” Immediately he regained his sight and
followed him on the road.**

“What do you want me to do for you” is the language of hospitality.”

“You belong here.”

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you.”

**John 14:1-3, And if I go and prepare a place for
you, I will come again and receive you unto
Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

**Romans 15:7 (MSG) “So reach out and welcome
one another to God’s glory. Be hospitable.
Jesus did it; now you do it.”**