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### Editorial - GROWING

As a little boy, my mom always told me to avoid any contact with strangers. She said, "Don't ever talk to strangers. Never accept any offer from someone you don't know; just get away from them immediately." She alerted me of the danger of getting involved with strangers; they could possibly harm me. So I carefully listened to her advice because I knew that she cared about me.

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### The Necessity of Hospitality by Pastor Doug Batchelor

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### 4 Lessons on Biblical Hospitality

Have you ever had God teach you a lesson even while you were teaching others? I recently gave a talk on hospitality to a group of ladies at a retreat. As I prepared that talk, God gave me an opportunity to practice hospitality. Unfortunately, I didn't see it as an opportunity but more as an interference, an intrusion.

Opening the doors of our homes in hospitality is the...

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### E. G. White's Corner

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." These words have lost none of their force through the lapse of time. Our heavenly Father still continues to place in the pathway of His children opportunities that are blessings in disguise; and those who improve these opportunities find great joy. —Prophets and Kings, 132. {Christian Service 191.2}

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### The Power of Practising Hospitality

In Outlive Your Life, Max Lucado writes:

Long before the church had pulpits and baptisteries, she had kitchens and dinner tables. Even a casual reading of the New Testament unveils the house as the primary tool of the church. The primary gathering place of the church was the home. Consider the genius of God's plan. The first generation of Christians was a tinderbox of contrasting cultures and backgrounds.

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### The Mysterious Note

The Vargas family travels to Michigan, and Josh, the younger one, makes two friends. Everything is boring until they find a mysterious note and get involve trying to solve the mystery. Produced by NAD Stewardship Ministries and One Mustard Seed, this stewardship movie, geared toward teaching stewardship principles to young children, is coming soon to a place near you.

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### Jesus is Coming to Dinner

A woman wanders through the marketplace, dodging bare-foot children, as she buys her fresh vegetables for the day. Waiting back at home are two empty jugs, waiting to be carried down to the well to fill, so she can start her bread baking & household tasks for the day. Suddenly the excitement level of the marketplace rises, "JESUS!" ...

Source: <https://4littleguysons.wordpress.com/tag/jesus-is-coming-to-dinner/>



### Hospitality

One stormy night an elderly couple entered the lobby of a small hotel and asked for a room. The clerk said they were filled, as were all the hotels in town. "But I can't send a fine couple like you out in the rain," he said. "Would you be willing to sleep in my room?" The couple hesitated, but the clerk insisted. The next morning when...

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### Quotes

"A life of hospitality begins in worship, with a recognition of God's grace and generosity. Hospitality is not first a duty and responsibility; it is first a response of love and gratitude for God's love and welcome to us. — Christine Pohl

<http://www.wiseoldsayings.com/hospitality-quotes/>

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