The Necessity of Hospitality
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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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In Guide Your Life, Mrs. Leslie写道：“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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