

Paul Sails for Rome

Acts 27:1-28:16

PART FIVE: Shipwreck at Malta; 28:7-16

Introduction

Romans 1:11-15

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

The hospitality of Publius - v7

“hospitably” Gk philophronos

Leviticus 19:34

Deuteronomy 10:19

Christians are called to hospitality.

True hospitality must be understood as an integral part of kindness and goodness.

Hebrews 13:16

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-35

Luke 10:36-37

The call to *love one another* demands that we be hospitable.

“There is no love which does not become help” Tillich

Christian hospitality flows from a heart filled with the love of God,

It expresses itself in practical ways towards strangers and especially toward fellow Christians.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Romans 12:13 (see Acts 2:42-47)

It involves more than just sentimental feelings.

Like God, it's a love that *acts* to meet the need of another.

James 2:14-17

1 John 3:17

Hospitality should flow automatically from a heart of love and compassion, not coerced by a sense of duty.

1 Peter 4:9

Hospitality is “good fruits” manifesting themselves from a heart full of *love, mercy, kindness, goodness.*

James 3:17-18

The reason past cultures took hospitality seriously is because God takes hospitality very seriously.

Matthew 25:31-40

Matthew 25:41-46

***Hospitality begets hospitality* – The reciprocal nature of hospitality**

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“dysentery” Gk dusenterio

Hospitality engenders gratitude, honor, and generosity

v9 v10

When Christians are kind, caring, helpful, doing good things for people, God blesses them.

Proverbs 25:21-22

Matthew 5:46-47

Proverbs 16:7

The unsavory legacy of a heart unchecked and unattended by love (a sinful progression):

- annoyance* begets *aggravation* >
- aggravation* begets *animosity* >
- animosity* begets *sinful anger* (i.e., silent murder).

If it had not been for the love of God, a love that acts on behalf of His enemies, we would be lost forever.