

Let the Feast Begin:
Flourishing in the Fellowship of the Family of God
1 Peter 4:7-11
Part 7
Our Hospitable Habits
1 Peter 4:9; James 1:21-25

A Mini-Message: *Applying the Word*

Application Defined:

Growing Obedience by Enlarging Our Vision & Engaging in Action

Application Required:

James 1:21-25

Application Warned:

Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Application Pursued:

How, then, do we aggressively pursue obedience without dangerously drifting into legalism?

By Accenting:

1. The Opportunities of **Grace** more than the Obstacles of **Sin** .
2. Christian **Identity** more than Fearful **Anxiety** .
3. Flexible **Principle** more than Formulaic **Practice**.
4. Personal **Engagement** more than Particular **Assignment**.
5. Purposeful **Progress** more than Overwhelming **Overhaul**.

I. Our Hospitable Hearts & Homes: *Another Brief Review*

*A Mindset that our
personal, material dwelling place & possessions
are happily & generously available
as instruments of God's grace to all people*

II. Our Hospitable Habits: *Some Practical Principles for Building a Hospitable Life-style*

Happily Hospitable Lives require:

- A. Leadership.
- B. Planning.
- C. Forming Habits.
- D. A Spirit of Flexibility.
- E. Thoughtfulness.
- F. Variety.
- G. Creativity.
- H. Mutual Involvement.
- I. Broad Engagement.
- J. A Warm Sense of Needing & Enjoying others.
- K. Ever Increasing Thankfulness.

1 Peter 4:7-11

7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

James 1:22-25

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.