

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 2/28/10

BIBLE PASSAGE: I Peter 4:1-11

TITLE: "OPEN YOUR HEART/OPEN YOUR HOME"

INTRO:

1. What is a lion? How do lions act? What is a Killer whale...?
2. *I Peter 4:8-11; I Timothy 5:9 & 10 & Romans 12:13-16/ _____* hospitality with lion-like intensity.
3. What is hospitality?
4. Scripture verses that instruct hospitality...
 - a. *Leviticus 19:9-18; 32-34.*
 - b. *I Timothy 3:2 & 3; Titus 1:7 & 8.*
5. Examples of hospitality in the Bible:
 - a. Abraham to the _____, *Genesis 18:1-8.*
 - b. Joseph to his brothers, *Genesis 43-47.*
 - c. David to Mephibosheth, *II Samuel 9:1-13.*
 - d. Zarephath widow to Elijah, *I Kings 17:8-24.*
 - e. Zacchaeus to _____, *Luke 19:1-10.*
 - f. Lydia to Paul & Silas, *Acts 16:11-15.*

PROPOSITION: Believers are commanded, instructed & encouraged to practice hospitality. What does "practice" mean?

- I. WE MUST PLAN FOR HOSPITALITY, I Peter 4:7-11.
 - A. Who Should We Invite?
 1. Good intentions are _____ enough!
 2. Ask the Spirit/Work your way through the _____ list and directory.
 3. Invitation guidelines...

- B. What Hospitality Activities Should We Pursue?
 1. Provision and comfort.
 2. Honor their interests/draw them out...

- II. WE MUST PREPARE FOR HOSPITALITY, *Romans 12:13-16*.
 - A. The Goal Of Preparation.
 1. To selflessly _____ others, *III John 5-8*.
 2. Hospitality is an evidence of new birth, *Matthew 25:31-46, (40)*.
 3. Do the work/cleanliness and punctuality.
 - B. The Garnish Of Preparation/Time And Money, (Stewardship).
 1. Use what you have...
 2. Don't be ashamed...

- III. WE MUST PRAY ABOUT HOSPITALITY, *Ephesians 6:18*.
 - A. Pray For God's Direction/Invitation.
 - B. Pray For God's Direction/Wisdom To _____ And Minister To Needs, *Colossians 3:22-25*.

- IV. WE MUST PERSIST IN HOSPITALITY, *I Timothy 5:1-10*.
 - A. Persist In Success, *Galatians 6:9; Proverbs 10:8*.
 - B. Persist In Failure.
 1. What about _____ circumstances, personality clash, or a cooking flop?
 2. Are your motives/intentions RIGHT? *I Corinthians 13:4-7*.
 3. Obedience from a submitted _____...

CONCLUSION:

1. Hospitality is easier for believers...?
2. Hospitality is practical Christianity.
3. Care enough to try!