

“Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.” – Mark 2:2



Hospitality: A Divine Virtue and a Christian Duty

Part II





Recap

Value of Hospitality

- Opens the doors of blessings
- Opens the doors of blessings to those who visit our home
- The Lord only enters homes/hearts where He is welcome
- Creates an opportunity for transformation

Characteristics of Christian Hospitality

- Be sincere
- Fill a need
- Sacrifice
- Pure motive

Characteristics of Christian Hospitality

- **Abraham and Sarah**
- So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, 3 and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. 4 Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." (Gen. 18:2-5)



Characteristics of Christian Hospitality

- **He considered it an opportunity, not a burden**
- “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.” (Heb.13:2)



Characteristics of Christian Hospitality

- Honor your guest
 - Making them feel welcome
 - Make them feel comfortable
 - A warm welcome
 - EX: Zacchaeus
 - “So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.” (Lk. 19:6)
- Give them space to express their like and dislikes





Jesus, Mary, and Martha by Anton Laurids Johannes Dorph

Characteristics of Christian Hospitality

- Mary and Martha
- “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” (Lk. 10:41-42)
- Connect



Characteristics of Christian Hospitality

- Void of Grumbling/Complaining
- And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling." (1 Pet. 4:8-9)

Words of Caution

► Be a humble guest

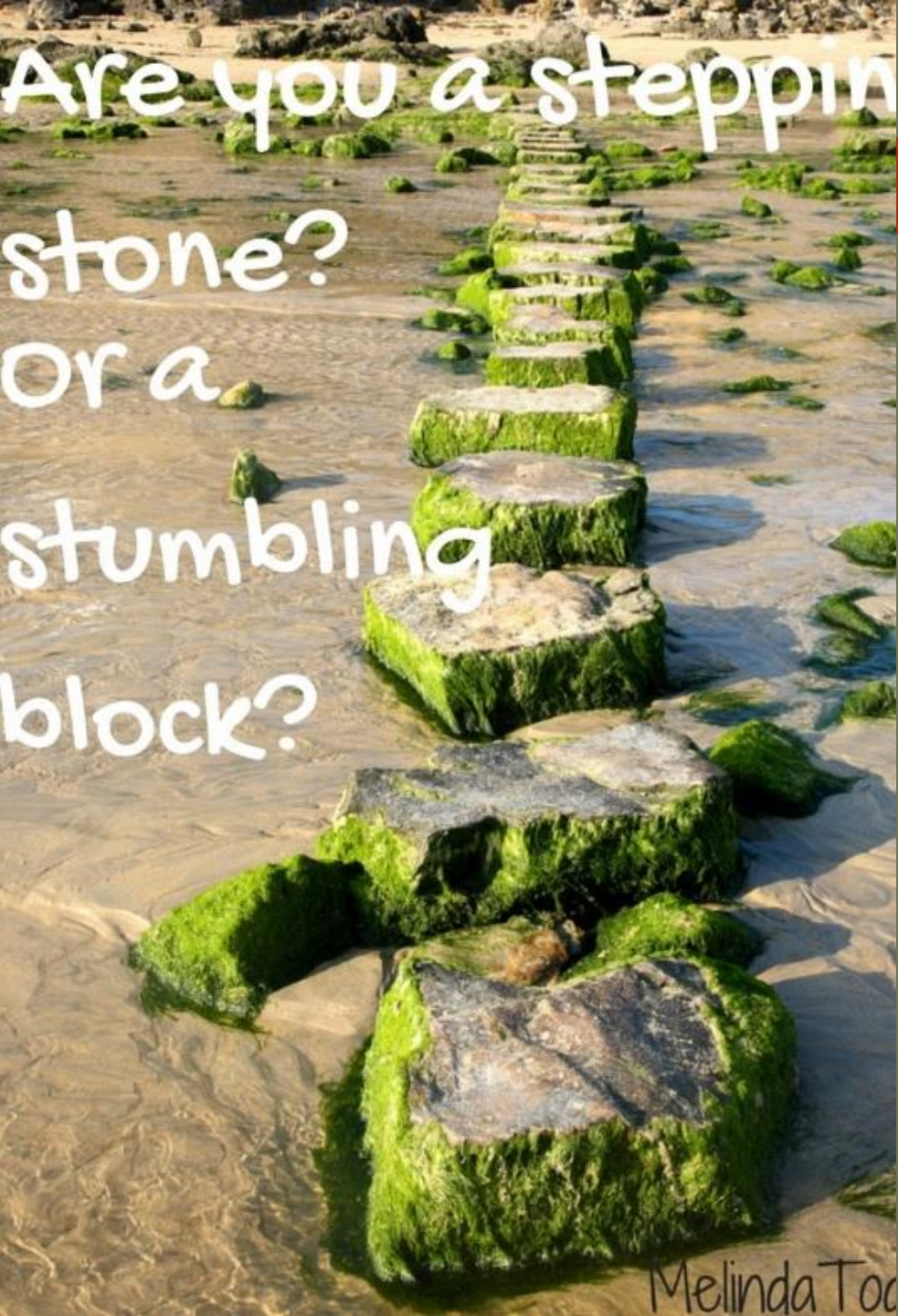
► *"I'm the guest of honor."*

► "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; 9 and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place." (Lk. 14:8-9)



Words of Caution

- **Do not desire repayment**
- “When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” (Lk. 14:12-14)



Words of Caution

- **Do not be a stumbling block**
- While being hospitable, do not make your home a place where your guests stumble.
- "...let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." (Jam. 5:20)

Words of Caution



- **Divisions**
- Do not use hospitality to create divisions
- “And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” (Mk. 3:25)



Summary

Characteristics of Christian Hospitality

- Considered it an opportunity, not a burden
- Honor your guest
 - Making them feel welcome
 - Make them feel comfortable
- Connect
- Void of Grumbling/Complaining

Words of Caution

- When you are the guest – BEING A HUMBLE GUEST

Do not desire repayment

- Do not a stumbling block
- Divisions