



Northside Proclaimer

Proclaiming The Word Of The Lord

1 Thessalonians 1.8

Northside church of Christ Welcomes You!

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“Do Not Neglect To Show Hospitality”

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Paul penned, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2.10). There are many good works by which we are called to fulfill. One such work is that of hospitality.

As we examine the subject of hospitality, it should impress us that God not only commands it, but that he provided examples. The Hebrew writer wrote, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Heb. 13.2, NASB). Abraham and Lot were two individuals who showed hospitality to strangers who happened to be angels (Gen. 18.1-8; 19.1-3). Hospitality (Greek: philoxenia) literally means, “love to strangers” (Thayer). Abraham and his nephew certainly showed such love when they invited these strangers into their homes, washed their feet, fed them, quenched their thirst and gave them a place to rest the night. Not only were they entertaining angels, but they were showing love to complete strangers!

We mentioned that God commands for His people to be hospitable. Whether you are an elder in the church (1 Tim. 3.2; Titus 1.8) or a widow (1 Tim. 5.9-10), God has called every Christian to “[s]how hospitality to one another without grumbling” (1 Peter 4.9). It is something we are to seek (Rom. 12.13) and something we are not to neglect (Heb. 13.2).

Many churches of Christ are united and growing because they are practicing hospitality! Before the Hebrew author commanded hospitality, he commanded brotherly love (Heb. 13.1). Why are people who show brotherly love and hospitality so blessed? Could it be because Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20.35)? When’s the last time you’ve shown hospitality to a brother or sister in Christ or maybe a neighbor? BG

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Announcements

- Remember John Blair
- Remember Bill Pierce
- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Men's Bible study today at 3:30!
- Teen's Bible study next week / Kid's drill class next week
- Call or email me to add announcements, thanks.

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

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We can see from the scriptures that David loved to worship, praise and pray to God. By no means was he a perfect man and without blame. However, he did have an attitude that set him apart from many today. The difference was he was completely honest with God! He didn't make excuses or try to justify himself. He simply confessed his sins and attempted to make it right before the Lord.

How David recognized and dealt with his sin should be a learning tool for how we are to treat sin in our life. In Psalm 51.10, David declared, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." As you read this chapter you see a man who had godly sorry for his transgressions. He realized the need to make some life and heart changes and he not only wanted, but also needed full purification from God. Sometimes we need to realize that our heart is not right and needs renewal. If we've allowed wickedness to dwell in our minds and hearts, isn't time we ask the Lord to "create in me a clean heart?" BG

Five Views Of Mark 16.16

1. Catholic: "He who believes NOT and is baptized shall be saved."
2. Atheist: "He who believes and is baptized shall NOT be saved."
3. Universalist: "He who believes NOT and is NOT baptized will be saved."
4. Baptist: "He who believes and is NOT baptized shall be saved."
5. Bible: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved."

Which View Will You Take?