



Stewardship is a grateful response to God's love for us.

Hospitality is manifested in an open and welcoming spirit, a willingness to drop what we are doing and receive the other person when they need us. We are reminded of Abraham's hospitality to the three strangers (Gen 18:1-10). In welcoming the strangers, he was welcoming God. Christ gave us the exquisite example of hospitality at the Last Supper when he got down and washed the disciples' feet (Jn 13:3-17). And he commanded us, who would claim to be his followers, to do likewise.

Reflections:

- How can you reflect God's love in your relationships today ? What specific act of kindness can you demonstrate to someone who is hurting or discouraged?
- Do I truly listen to someone or am I too busy ?
- Am I too much like Martha and not enough like Mary when I receive guests into my home ?
- Do I show hospitality to my immediate family daily ?

Hospitality in Action:

- Reach out to a distant family member or old friend during Advent.
- Volunteer at a charitable organization during the holiday season such as Catholic Charities or Salvation Army.
- Give a parishioner a ride to church and ask them what you can pray for during Mass.
- Establish daily "phone free" family times.
- Give the Lord 10 minutes or more of uninterrupted time daily.

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