

HOSPITALITY

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Philoxenia – LOVING STRANGERS

Radically ordinary hospitality is this: using your Christian home in a daily way that seeks to make strangers neighbours, and neighbours family of God.

– ROSARIA BUTTERFIELD



THE MODERN NEED FOR HOSPITALITY

Radically ordinary hospitality sees our Christian homes as hospitals, and incubators.

Radically ordinary hospitality shows this skeptical, post-Christian world what authentic Christianity looks like.

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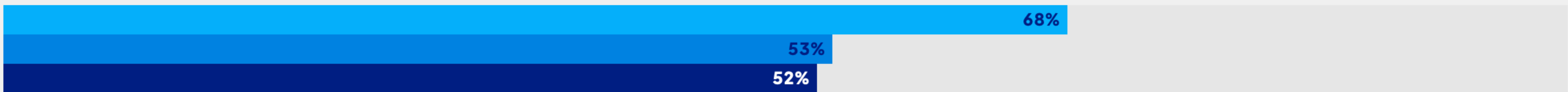
The Modern Need for Hospitality

Loneliness Report 2024

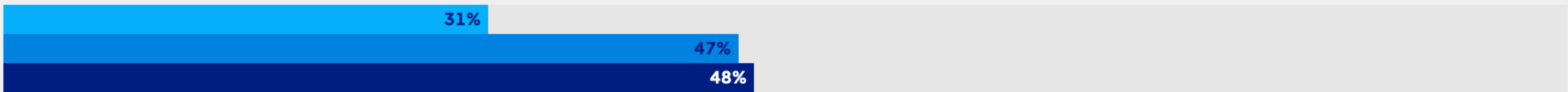
How often do you feel lonely?

● Age 18 – 39 ● Age 40 – 59 ● Age 60 and older

Respondents who **feel lonely** frequently, sometimes or rarely



Respondents who **never feel lonely**



THE BIBLICAL TEACHING ON HOSPITALITY

The Biblical Teaching on Hospitality

- CHRISTIANS & LEADERS

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach,
the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-
controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

I Timothy 3:2

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Romans 12:13

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Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:1-2

The Biblical Teaching on Hospitality

- CHRISTIANS & LEADERS
- BELIEVERS & UNBELIEVERS
- SINCERELY & CHEERFULLY

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

I Peter 4:9

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Luke 14:12-14

The Biblical Teaching on Hospitality

- CHRISTIANS & LEADERS
- BELIEVERS & UNBELIEVERS
- SINCERELY & CHEERFULLY
- GAIUS OR DIOTREPES?

Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

3 John 5-11

I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good.

Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

3 John 5-11

THE COMMON EXCUSES AGAINST HOSPITALITY

RESOURCES



The Gospel Comes
with a House Key



Gospel Encouragements
to Overcome Barriers to
Biblical Hospitality



CHRISTMAS STUDENT DINNER



FRIENDS FOR DINNER