

# 1 Peter 4:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

## Analysis

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Peter commands hospitality. Christian hospitality should be generous and joyful, not reluctant. This built strong church communities and supported traveling ministers/persecuted believers needing refuge.

## Historical Context

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Early church hospitality networks enabled missionary work and refugee support. This commanded virtue shouldn't feel burdensome but joyful privilege.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What specific ways can you practice hospitality without grudging?
2. How does viewing hospitality as serving Christ transform attitude?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 13:2** (Parallel theme): Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

**Romans 12:13** (Parallel theme): Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

**Philippians 2:14** (Parallel theme): Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

**Hebrews 13:16** (Parallel theme): But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

**1 Timothy 3:2** (Parallel theme): A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

**Titus 1:8** (Parallel theme): But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

**2 Corinthians 9:7** (Parallel theme): Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

**James 5:9** (Parallel theme): Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

**Philemon 1:14** (Parallel theme): But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.