

“Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.”  
- Luke 7:44

# Hospitality: A Divine Virtue and a Christian Duty

Part 1



# What is hospitality?

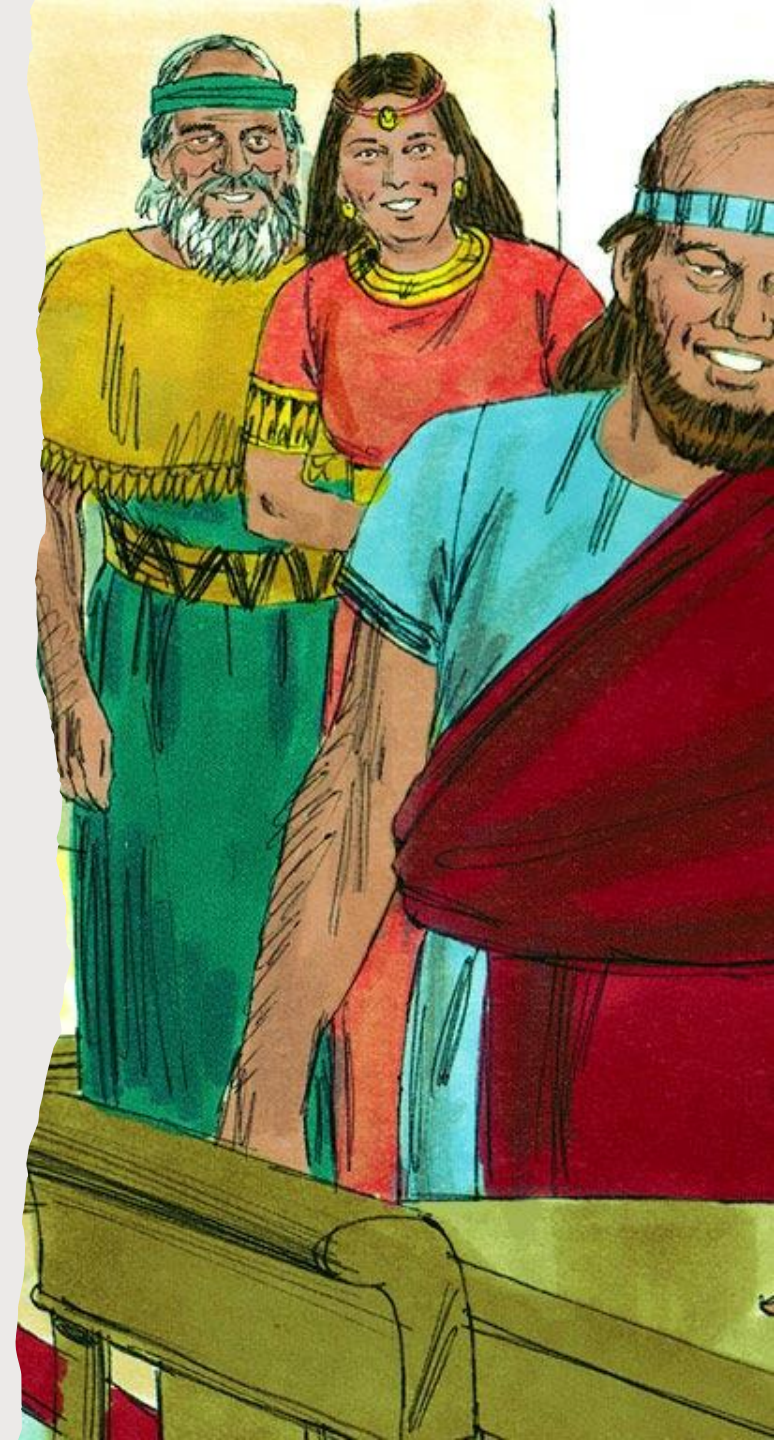
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- Hospitality is not entertainment
- Hospitality is an opportunity to create an environment of God's love for people to experience.





# The Value of Hospitality

1. Opens the doors of blessings
2. Opens the doors of blessings to those who visit our home





# The Value of Hospitality

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3. The Lord only enters the homes/hearts where He is welcome

- “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Rev. 3:20)

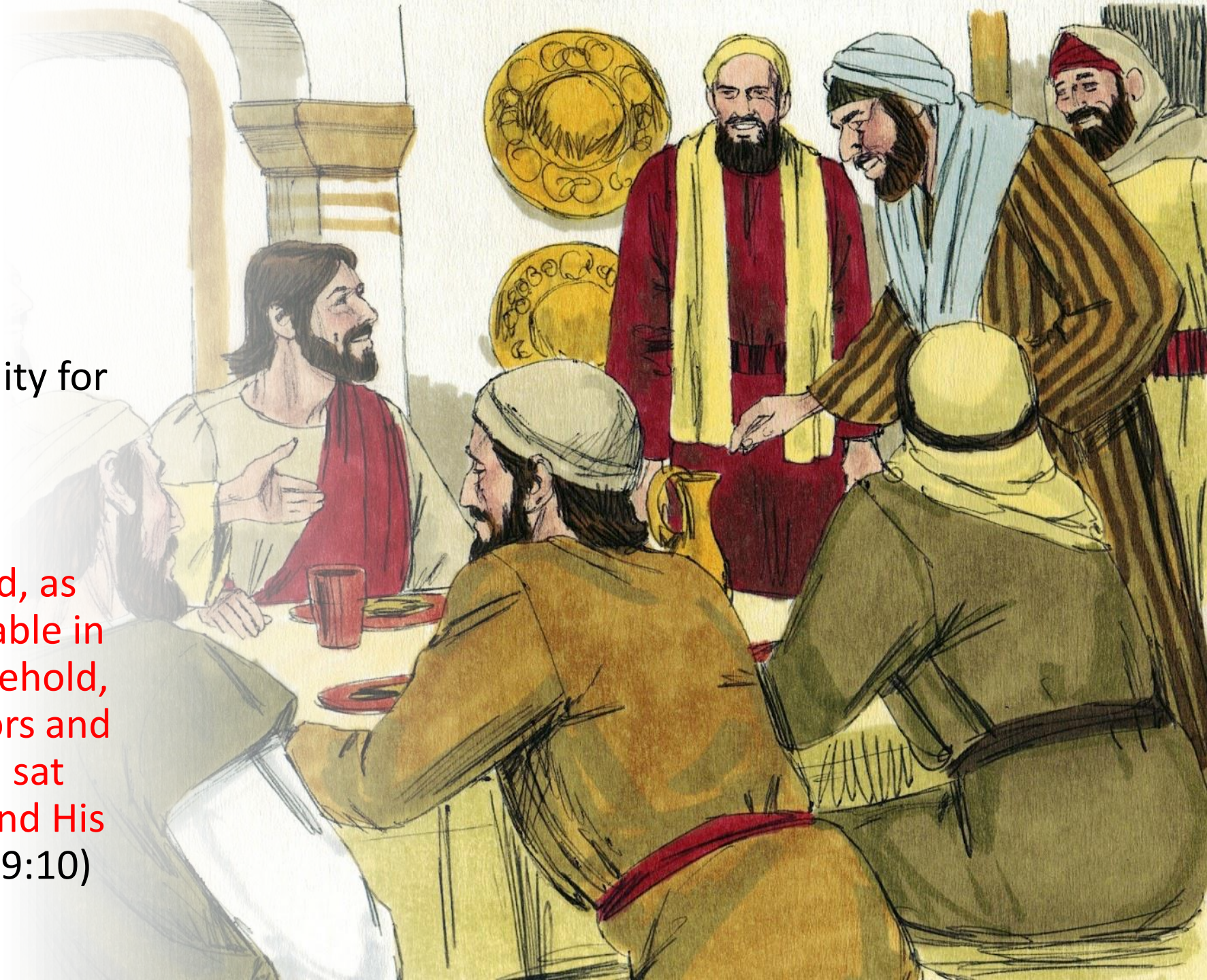




# The Value of Hospitality

## 4. Creates an opportunity for transformation

- Matthew the Tax Collector's house
- “Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.” (Matt. 9:10)





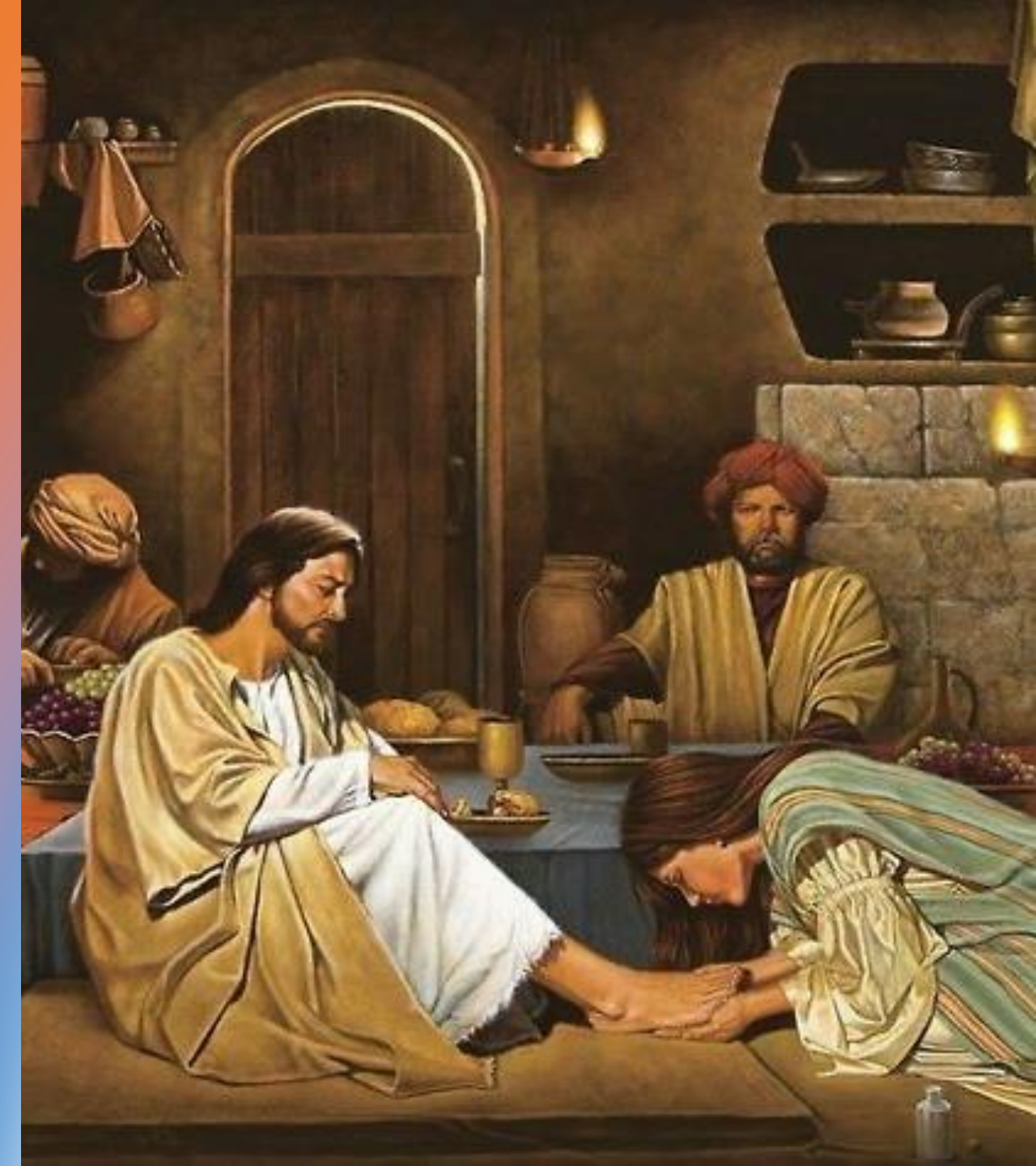
A person with long dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt, stands with their hands clasped behind their back. The background is dark and out of focus, featuring several lit candles that create a warm, bokeh effect. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

# Characteristics of Christian Hospitality

# The Shunammite Woman

**“Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there was a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. 9 And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly. 10 Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there." (2 Kings 4:8-10)**





# 1. Hospitality must be sincere

- Hospitality often requires persuasion
- Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." (Lk. 7:39)





## 2. Hospitality is to fill a need

- The Shunammite woman provides for the needs of Elisha
- EX: Feeding the 5000
- To be hospitable I need to be aware of the needs of the people around me.



### 3. The cost of hospitality

- The Shunammite woman went above and beyond
- EX: The Good Samaritan



## 4. Pure motives

- “What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?” (2 Kings 4:13)
- She answered, "I dwell among my own people." (2 Kings 4:13)

