

**Every single one of us at Grace Bible Church—indeed every Christian saved by grace, adopted into God’s family—ought to be characterized by hospitality.**

Hospitality is commanded, exemplified, and commended throughout the Bible, especially in the New Testament. This is because we are to love each other in the church with a brotherly love made possible (and required) by God’s love for us, his enemies-made-children: “We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).” The early church was undeniably characterized by this God-imitating gospel use of their homes. Elders must possess it. All Christians should practice it.

*Hospitality Commands* is a very short, but incredibly theologically rich, and yet practical, short book. **It can easily be read in one month. I encourage you to do so.** Make practical efforts in your own life to follow Strauch’s instructions, encouragements, and example to increase the presence of hospitality in your own home.

I recently taught a D2-D3 lesson in Wellspring on the topic of hospitality making extensive reference to this book. If you or someone in your home was challenged or encouraged by that session, you should definitely make efforts to follow-up on that session through extended meditation and learning on the topic throughout the month of March. I am certain that all Christians will find benefit from this short booklet.

It is my prayer that each of us, every Sunday and throughout the week, would be on the hunt for opportunities to demonstrate our love for one another, all the saints, and the world around us through the God-imitating, brotherly-love-demonstrating, gospel-proclaiming use of our possessions and homes for hospitality.

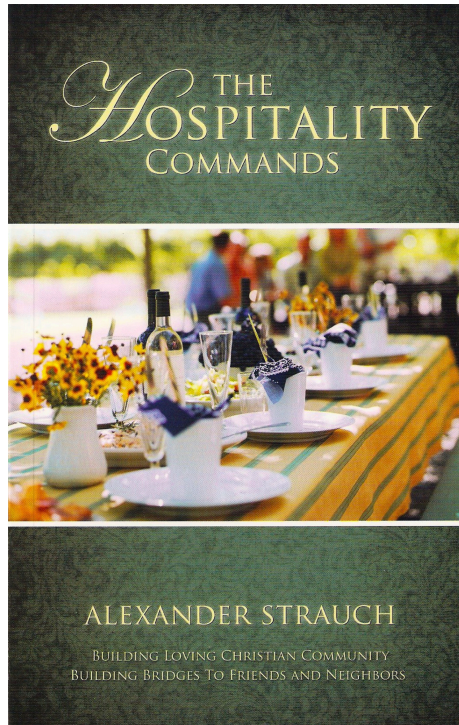
—*Jacob Hantla, Pastor/Elder*

1 Peter 4:8-10 - Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.

Romans 12:13 - Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Hebrews 13:2 - Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

1 Timothy 3:2 / Titus 1:8 - An overseer must be...hospitable.



#### Suggested One-Month Reading Plan (Average 2 pages per day)

##### Week 1: Monday February 27th - Sunday March 5th

1. A Missing Crown Jewel, 4 pages
2. Strengthening the Love of the Christian Family, 12 page

##### Week 2: Monday March 6th - Sunday March 12th

3. Hospitality: A Launching Pad for the Gospel, 12 pages

##### Week 3: Monday March 13th - Sunday March 19th

4. New Testament Commands to Practice Hospitality, 18 pages

##### Week 4: Monday March 20 - Sunday March 26th

5. Helpful Hints in Practicing Hospitality, 5 pages
- Study Guide
- Session One, 2 pages
- Session Two, 3 pages
- Session Three, 3 pages