Open Heart ~ Open Home

My definition of Hospitality is: _____

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Is it possible to make Hospitality unique to me in 2017?

"When hospitality becomes an art, it loses its very soul."

SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 25:34-40

Romans 12:13

Titus 1:8

Hebrews 13:2

I Peter 4:9

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF HOSPITALITY:

1) Shunamite Woman – II Kings 4:8-10

2) Mary and Martha – Luke 10:38-42

Thoughts on planning an event in my home:

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3) Zaccheus – Luke 19:1-10

What can I do when I find unexpected guests on my doorstep?

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4.

GOALS FOR MY LIFE AS A HOSTESS:

Goal #1 ~ Just Do It! (I Peter 4:9)

Goal #2 ~ Encouragement (I Thessalonians 5:11)

Goal #3 ~ A Welcome Home (Matthew 25:35)

Goal #4 ~ Working for Jesus (Colossians 3:23 & 24)

REFLECTION:

- Looking at your definition for hospitality, would you change it? What is a new or better explanation for hospitality?

- Do you have any tips or hints to making hospitality easier in your home that you can share? Maybe something you learned from someone else that you can pass on to others?

- Is there a pressure you feel in your own life as it pertains to entertaining or meeting certain qualifications before you can be hospitable? Who puts this pressure on your life?

- How are you going to lay aside the expectations you have for opening your home? Do you need to rethink the standards or beliefs you have placed on yourself before you entertain others? Maybe you have been comparing yourself with others or thinking you are not gifted in this area. Pray that the Lord removes those inadequate feelings and helps you see yourself in a new and different light. You are called to be hospitable in a way that is unique to your personality and time of life. Remember it is a mindset, not an art or talent.