

The Foundational Virtue of Hospitality

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The unspoken question always is

"Do you Care?"

1. Making Space

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- 3. Showing Kindness

Not Always Easy

Hospitality Blesses Both Ways

Do not neglect
to show hospitality
to the stranger, for by it,
some have entertained angels
without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2