

# Me, Myself & I – Part 4

## Individualism vs. Hospitality

*He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread." Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.*

Genesis 18: 3-8

*"Don't abuse or take advantage of strangers; you, remember, were once strangers in Egypt. Exodus 22:21 MSG*

*It is the same with your grape crop—do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:10*

*The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:34*

*Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13*

*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Heb. 13:2*

*Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. 1 Peter 4:9*

*Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. Titus 1:8*

*Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:34-36, 40*

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say, 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'

**Benedictine Rule #53**

Our homes are to be hospitals – refuges of healing radiating the light of heaven. And our dinner tables are to be operating tables – the place where broken souls are made whole again. In our churches people should find rest from their battle for acceptance and release from the lie that they are nothing more than the goods they possess. When we lower our defenses, when we remove our façades, and we begin to be truly present with one another – then the healing of the gospel can begin its work.

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**Three kinds of people to open our homes to:**

1. Your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to your spiritual family.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ that are far from God.