

Family Seasons: Lesson #12 What Have They Seen in Your House?

Memory Verse

1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”.

In 1986 Tom Bodett of NPR was hired by Motel 6 to do some radio ads. The tagline "We'll leave the light on for you" was ad-libbed by Bodett in his very first recording session and has become the trademark promise of one of the most long-lived and successful advertising campaigns in history. [The sense of Welcome...](#)

hos·pi·tal·i·ty = Receiving guests and visitors and treating them with cordial warmth and generosity. **This is a confession...**
Derives from the Latin hospes, meaning "host", "guest", or "stranger"

Learning From a King's Mistake

The Story **2 Kings 20:1–11**; **2 Kings 20:12–19**; **Isaiah 39:1–8**

Isaiah 38:1–8 **READ** *In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death.*

Isaiah 39:1–8 (NKJV) *At that time Merodach-Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. ² And Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his treasures—the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armory—all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.*

³ Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah, and said to him, “What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?” So Hezekiah said, “They came to me from a far country, from Babylon.” ⁴ And he said, **“What have they seen in your house?”** So Hezekiah answered, “They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.” ⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: ⁶ ‘Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,’ says the Lord. ⁷ ‘And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’” ⁸ So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good!” For he said, “At least there will be peace and truth in my days.”

2 Chronicles 32:24–26 (NKJV) *In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the Lord; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign. ²⁵ But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem. ²⁶ Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.*

Family First

John 1:40–42 (NKJV) *One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.*

***Acts 1:8** (NKJV) *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Luke 8:39 (NKJV) *“Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.*

1 Timothy 5:8 (NKJV) *But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (NKJV) *“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

Ruth 1:14–17 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ And she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶ But Ruth said: “Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me.”

Peace That Wins

***1 Peter 3:1–2** (NKJV) *Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, ² when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.*

1 Corinthians 7:12–15 (NKJV) *But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. ¹³ And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.*

When a spouse relates with Christian kindness to an unbelieving partner, the first allegiance is always to Christ. Faithfulness to Christ does not require a spouse to suffer abuse at the hands of a violent partner.

Ephesians 5:22–25 (NKJV) *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,*

Family Life Is for Sharing

1 Corinthians 4:16–17 (NKJV) *Therefore I urge you, imitate me. ¹⁷ For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.*

Ephesians 5:1 (NKJV) *Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.*

1 Thessalonians 1:6 *And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,*

Hebrews 6:12 (NKJV) *that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

Centers of Contagious Friendliness

***Isaiah 58:6–7** (NKJV) *“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?”*

1 Peter 4:9 (NKJV) *Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.*

Whatever Happened to Hospitality?

1. Hotels and restaurants in every town. People used to stay with other.
2. Digital communications. People once went to homes to talk.
3. Singing used to be done in homes. Now it’s electronically stored.
4. We get our relationships from imaginary characters on TV.
5. People are absorbed with personal comfort and convenience.

1 Timothy 3:2 *A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;*

Titus 1:7, 8 *For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, ..., but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled,*

Romans 12:9-13 *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, ...; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.*

For Deliverance

Lot was with the angels

Rahab was with the messengers

Jethro & Moses

*Jethro Showed Hospitality to Moses
First taken into Pharaoh’s house, then Jethro’s house then God’s.*

Singles & Hospitality

Elijah And The Widow. When Jerome, the 4th-century translator wrote the Latin Vulgate Bible he was a guest in the home of a wealthy Christian widow named Marcella for three years.

Receiving Hospitality

For Healing -Elisha and The Shunammite Woman

For Healing- Peters mother was healed

Isaiah 58:8 *Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily,*

Martha and Lazarus - invited Jesus in their home. He raised Lazarus.

Zacchaeus - Luke 19:5-10 *And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." ... And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, ..."*