

40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 16

In Romans chapter 12, Paul talks about how believers in Christ ought to live outward lives, lives that are focused on other people. Paul is writing these things because it is not our natural tendency to put others before ourselves.

In verse 13, he says that Christians should be, “contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.” One could say that hospitality is simply, “receiving guests and treating them well.” How this looks for each of us will probably be different. What you do to be hospitable is far less important than what motivates you to be hospitable.

The message of the Gospel, which is the message of Easter, changes everything. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then seek to be intentional and live outward, motivated by your love for God and others. When you place your love for God and others above yourself, then you will be able to be hospitable for the right reasons. That is true hospitality, and that is living outward.

– Pastor Luke Pauli

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