

# Hospitality Ideas

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## Hospitality ... It's Not Just About Dinner

When most of us think of fulfilling God's command to show **hospitality**, we imagine inviting someone to a nice prepared dinner. But

sometimes it seems like there isn't enough usable time in the day to do that. The Bible never limits hospitality to an evening meal. **There are many other creative ways to show hospitality that don't necessarily involve a three-course dinner on your precious time.**



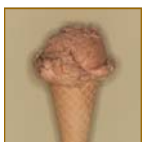
The devastation of recent weather tragedies has prompted individuals to say, **"What can I do to help out?"** This is also a question we ask ourselves most every day because of the crazy things that happen around us. As an individual, gifted by God, we must each realize it is, indeed, up to us to put a new slant on things by showing our simple ability to make things better or show our **hospitality**. Here is a list of things any person can choose from to make someone's life a bit happier in most situations.

### Volunteer to be a greeter for a worship service.



Focus on greeting all people who come with the same

love and acceptance. Greet the children as well as adults. Welcome the homeless person the same as you would any church member.

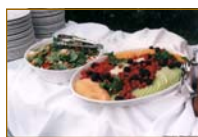


Invite a new family out for ice cream after an evening event at church.



Tell a co-worker/fellow church worker/friend how

much you appreciate what they do.



Invite a group of friends over for a potluck lunch.

They can choose to bring soup, salad or bread. You will have a great meal with plenty to eat and wonderful fellowship that develops great friendships.



Afternoon or morning tea is a great way to

get to know another woman.

The other benefit of having tea is that you don't need to cook a whole meal. Muffins or quick bread or even a selection of fresh fruit is more than adequate.

**Hospitality doesn't have to be limited to any one certain thing. By being creative, you can find ways to be hospitable that fit into your lifestyle.**