

Hospitality Ideas

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The Condition of Your Heart



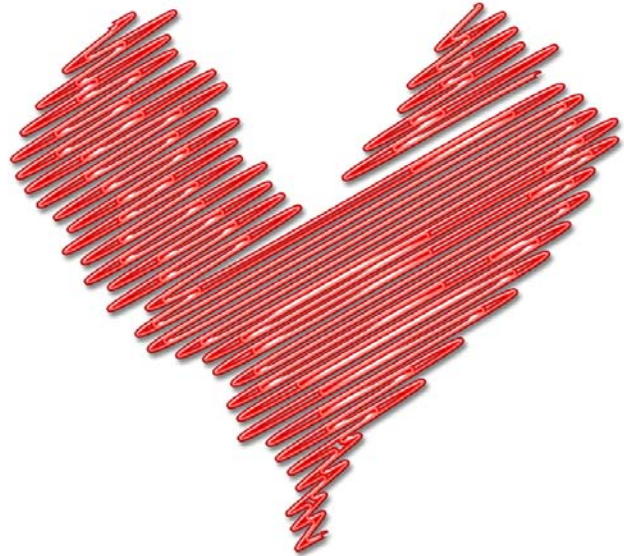
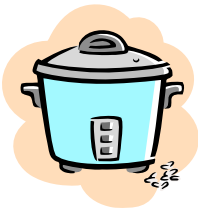
Karen Ehman, author of [A Life That Says WELCOME](#) says when it comes to hospitality it does not matter what size your house is, how it is decorated, whether or not it's spotless or what you cook or don't cook. *The secret to making guests feel comfortable is more about the condition of your heart than the condition of your home.*

She also tells us there is a huge difference between "entertaining" and offering hospitality. Entertaining puts the emphasis on you and how you can impress others. Offering hospitality puts the emphasis on others and strives to meet their physical and spiritual needs so they feel refreshed, not impressed, when they leave your home.

Now, it isn't wrong to want to serve good food or have an attractive, clean house. Actually, the Bible says to undertake any task at hand as though we were working for God himself (see Colossians 3:23). Like so much of life, it all comes down to the motives of your heart.



Something worth trying, to make it easy on yourself, is asking your friends to join you in a slow cooker extravaganza! Most friends will have a slow cooker. Your friends cook at their own convenience at home and bring their slow cookers to your house. Everyone plugs in and you chill out with the rest of your agenda. Ask



one friend to bring the appetizer (maybe a warm cheese dip), ask another to bring the dessert (perhaps poached pears served over vanilla bean ice cream). Delicious! That leaves you with only the entrée. Try a chili or bean soup. Bet you will have so much fun you will do this again and again. Guaranteed, to give you a warm heart!

Chili Cheese Dip

1 lb ground beef
1 can chili, without beans
1 lb mild Mexican cheese
Velveeta cheese, cubed

- ◇ Brown beef, crumble into small pieces and drain.
- ◇ Combine beef, chili and cheese to slow cooker.
- ◇ Cover, cook on low 1½ hours or until cheese is melted, stirring occasionally to blend ingredients.

Serve warm with taco or tortilla chips.
10-12 servings.
