



A. our glorious reception

2. receiving one another into our family

6 that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

B. Our practical lifestyle

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1. define receiving

Receive: initiates the action but also participates in the action

a: be honest

- welcome
- access to our hearts
- friendship

b: be patient

- taking one's hand
- being a companion

c. be gentle

- caring an kindness
- understanding

C. receiving made practical

a) the uniqueness of relationship

value people

matthew 13:54-58 NIV

54 Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked.

55 "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." 58 And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

value people

- Honour precedes receiving

be hospitable

HOSPITAL'ITY, n. [L. hospitalitas.]
The act or practice of receiving and entertaining strangers or guests without reward, or with kind and generous liberality.

Hospitality, philoxenos. To entertain strangers, be fond of guests, given to (lover of) hospitality. From the root word philos, meaning a friend or neighbor; fondly, friendly.

i. The Saints (men and women of God)

romans 12:13

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

1 peter 4:9

9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

ii. Strangers (Temporary Resident)

leviticus 19:34

34 You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

deuteronomy 10:18-19

18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19 Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

hebrews 13:2

2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.