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<p><b>Hospitality</b> is the divine ability to make people feel welcome and accepted--anywhere at any time. Those with this gift enjoy connecting people with each other and creating an atmosphere in which relationships and community can flourish. Their graciousness and warmth make others feel cared for. And, as 1 Peter 4:9 says, they are the ones who do all this "without grumbling" or complaining.</p>	<p>This is one of my gifts _____</p> <p>I am unsure if I have this gift _____</p> <p>This is not one of my gifts _____</p>
<p><b>Questions on the assessment that pertain to Hospitality:</b></p>	<p>Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:</p>
<p><i>In gatherings of people, I tend to notice those at the margins and make them feel like they belong.</i></p>	
<p><i>Either in my home or elsewhere, I create a welcoming atmosphere for others.</i></p>	
<p><i>Others have noticed that I am good at making people feel welcome and accepted wherever I go.</i></p>	
<p><b>Some words that describe people with this gift:</b></p>	<p>Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:</p>
<p>Accepting</p>	
<p>Welcoming</p>	
<p>Relational</p>	
<p>Safe</p>	
<p>Cheerful</p>	
<p>Warm</p>	
<p><b>Potential negatives to this gift:</b></p>	<p>Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:</p>
<p>If undertaking too many commitments that involve hospitality, might burn out.</p>	
<p>Might not view this as a spiritual gift or as equally important to the Body of Christ as other gifts.</p>	
<p>Might wonder why all believers aren't more hospitable or as hospitable as the gifted one is.</p>	
<p><b>Some possible ways to serve using this gift:</b></p>	<p>Check which ways to serve sound like a potential fit for you, or add to the list:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greeter/welcome team/new member hospitality team/visitor calling team</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee-time host</li> </ul>	

• Information booth staffer/coordinator	
• Small group leader/facilitator/helper	
• Friend to an international visitor/student	
• Host family for a church intern or missionary	
• Mentor	
• Host home for youth ministry	
• Stephen Minister	
• Anywhere in the workplace	

### Quotations from individuals with this gift:

VH: "Cooking is not my gift so I was a bit confused as to why I had the gift of 'hospitality.' But the Discovery Class put it all in perspective. God was looking at my heart and not my cooking skills (or lack of). I may not love to cook but I love hanging out with people, and working with the Student and Family Ministries at the church has been a blessing and a complete fulfillment of that gift!"

MD: "I see it as a privilege to be gifted in hospitality, with the ability and desire to create relationships and the environments which foster them. Coordinating the New Members class was a great experience in using this spiritual gift, and I felt it. The work was some of the most enjoyable I've done, because I was serving within God's plan for me. Whether it was setting tables, calling volunteers, or planning menus, it felt right, fun, and worthwhile."

If you think you have this gift, write your own quotation (a description of what this looks like in your life):

Having reviewed this gift in detail above, who else do you think exhibits this gift?

Jot down your reactions/reflections here: