

*Open Christian*

*Home*





OPEN HOME...

WHAT??

मसीह के खुला घर

Sixth Aim of EGF:

- To help the graduate to establish Christian home.

मसीही स्नातक को मदद करना और उनके घर स्थापना करना।

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- 6) Christian Home.
- 7) Church.
- 8) Social concern.

# What is a home?

- Home is a nucleus around which the Church, society and country is built.

घर एक नाभिक है जिसके चारों ओर कलीसिया, समाज और देश का निर्माण किया जाता है।

- Every Christian family, every Christian individual, is a *poem* (Greek *poiema*, "workmanship of God") written by God (Eph.2:10).

प्रत्येक ईसाई परिवार, हर ईसाई व्यक्ति, एक कविता है (ग्रीक कविता, "परमेश्वर की कारीगरी") परमेश्वर द्वारा लिखित

- Every poem is unique. But there *are* some common features we can expect to find in every genuinely Christ-centred home.

हर कविता अनूठी होती है। लेकिन कुछ सामान्य विशेषताएं हैं जो हम हर वास्तविक मसीह-केंद्रित घर में खोजने की उम्मीद कर सकते हैं।



# What is an open home / Christian Open home

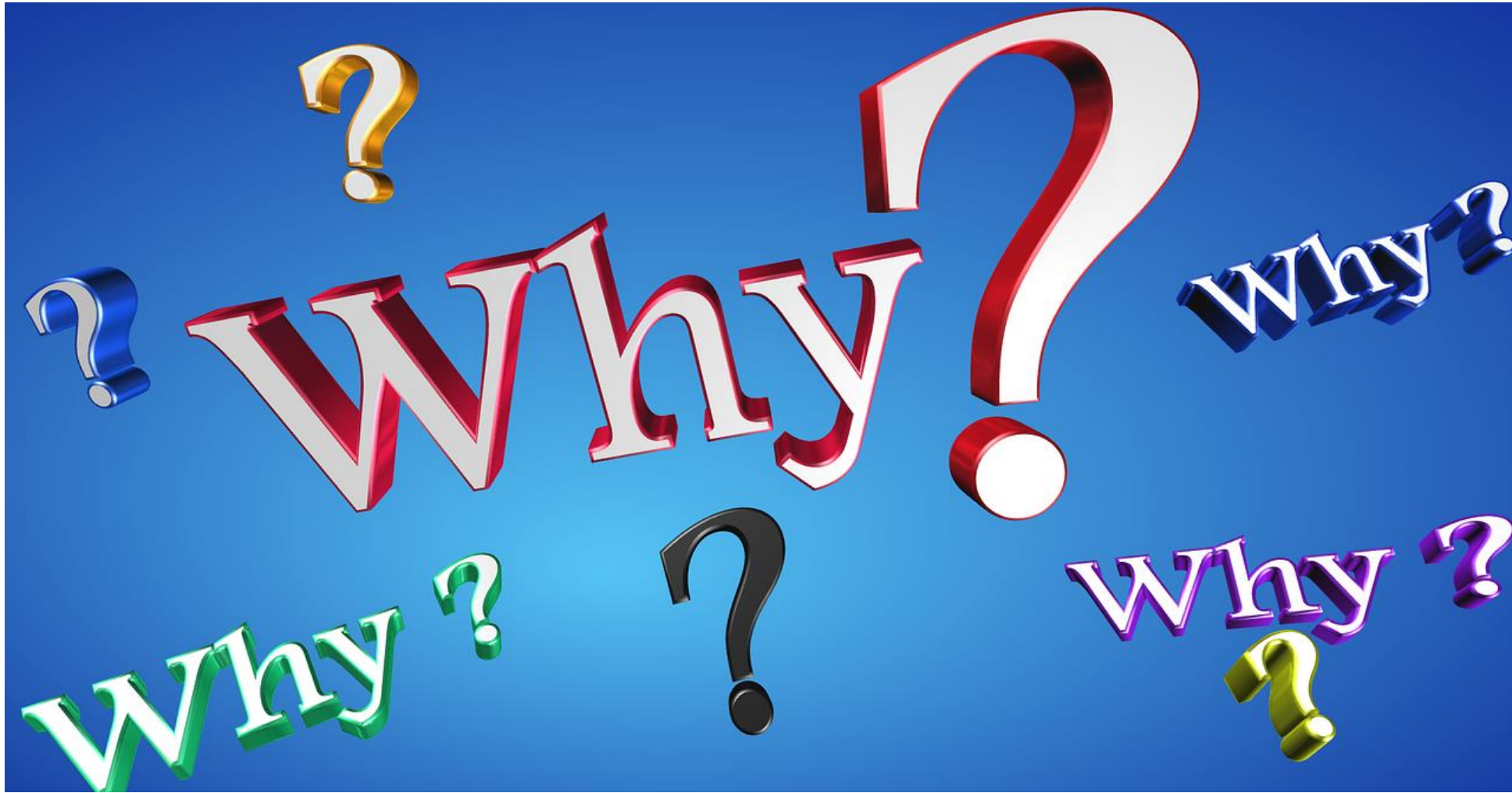


- Is not a house full of Christians
- Where Christ is the Lord of everyone in that house

Its not a option  
But  
Mark of witness to the  
neighbours.

**Open home  
has been  
the back  
bone of  
UESI  
ministry**

Gives students in  
Campuses, a home  
away from their  
home



# Why should our Home be Open Home ?

1) Open Home blesses other people (Heb.13:1-2; Lk.14:12-14).

ओपन होम अन्य लोगों को आशीर्वाद देता है।

- Invite young people, students who are going through home sick, adjustment problems, feeling new etc.
- You may be inviting some people who eventually turn out to be great people by your love and hospitality.

2) Open Home strengthens Christian Community (Rom.12:13).

ओपन होम ईसाई समुदाय को मजबूत करता है।

- By sharing with God's people.
- Sharing with people who are seekers.
- Showing love and hospitality to them.



### 3) Open Home opens door for the Gospel (1 Thess.2:8).

ओपन होम से सुसमाचार फैलता हैं।

- The most effective evangelism is when we share about Jesus with a friend. And one of the best ways to build friendships with other people and share a meal with them or to have them over to your home.
- People get to know you better when they spend time in your home, and one of the reasons God wants us to work on Christian Home.
- We need to look for ways to extend the hospitality to those who do not know Christ yet. And who knows? Perhaps through your friendship, God will bring that person to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Reflecting God's love





#### 4) Open Home reflects God's love for us (Ps.23:5-6).

ओपन होम परमेश्वर के प्यार को दर्शाता है।

- We are called to be imitators of God, and so because God invites us into His home, we should invite others into our homes as well.

#### 5) Open Home reflects our love for Jesus (Matt.25:34).

ओपन होम यीशु के प्रति हमारे प्रेम को दर्शाता है।

- Christian hospitality not only reflects God's love for us. It also reflects our love for Jesus.
- When you feed the hungry, when you help the thirsty, when you welcome the stranger or clothe the needy, yes you are helping other people, but you are also showing your love for Jesus as well.



# Can my home be an Open Home ?

- Yes, you can make your home a Christian Open Home with the following pre-requisites:
- The family (husband and wife) should have born-again experience and have the same commitment and desire.

परिवार (पति और पत्नी) को नया जन्म के अनुभव होना चाहिए और एक ही प्रतिबद्धता और इच्छा होनी चाहिए।

- They should be hospitable, friendly and approachable. उन्हें सत्कारशीलता, दोस्ताना और भरोसेमंद होना चाहिए।

- The family should not feel it as burden or disturbance to entertain young people.

परिवार को इसे युवा लोगों का मनोरंजन करने के लिए बोझ या अशांति के रूप में महसूस नहीं करना चाहिए।



- The family should show empathy and pray for the needs of the students.

परिवार, को सहानुभूति दिखानी चाहिए और छात्रों की जरूरतों के लिए प्रार्थना करनी चाहिए।

- Committed bachelors also can have Christian Open home. This will help them to be more effective once they get married.

प्रतिबद्ध बैचलर्स भी क्रिश्चियन ओपन होम बना सकता है। एक बार शादी करने के बाद यह उन्हें अधिक प्रभावी बनाने में मदद करेगा।

- Care should be taken to have communication between men and men and ladies to ladies.

पुरुषों और पुरुषों और महिलाओं से महिलाओं के बीच संचार करने के लिए देखभाल की जानी चाहिए।

# Some qualities of Christian Open Home

1) Joy and happiness to rule in their hearts.

खुशी और आनंद उनके दिलों में राज करती हैं।

2) A Christian home is orderly (1Cor.14:33)

मसीही के घर व्यवस्थित रहता है।

3) A Christian home is marked by God's grace.

एक मसीही घर परमेश्वर की कृपा की चिह्न है।



4) Love should be the goal. There is enough hostility, judgement, sarcasm, imperfection and antagonism in this world. The home should be a retreat where the hurting can find comfort, rest and healing.

प्रेम ही मसीही घर की लक्ष्य होना चाहिए। इस दुनिया में पर्याप्त शत्रुता, निर्णय, कटाक्ष, असिद्धता और विरोध है। लेकिन घर एक ऐसी जगह है जहाँ चोट लगने से आराम, उपचार, चंगाई मिल सकता है।

5) A Christian home is a place of *service*.

एक मसीही के घर सेवा की जगह है।

6) Its atmosphere is tempered and flavoured with acts of kindness, respect, humility and love.

दयालुता, सम्मान, विनम्रता और प्रेम के कार्यों के साथ इसका वातावरण स्वभाव और सुगंधित है।

7) A Christ-centred home is a place where the spiritual disciplines are practiced.

एक मसीह-केंद्रित घर एक ऐसा स्थान है जहाँ आध्यात्मिक विषयों का अभ्यास किया जाता है।

It provides an environment where every member of the family learns how to live by studying the Scriptures, praying, meditating on God's Word, and spending time alone in the presence of the Lord.

यह एक ऐसा वातावरण प्रदान करता है जहाँ परिवार का प्रत्येक सदस्य परमेश्वर के वचन पर, शास्त्रों का अध्ययन, प्रार्थना करना, ध्यान लगाना और प्रभु की उपस्थिति में अकेले समय बिताना सीखता है।



8) A Christian home is based on God's purposes for every member of the household.

मसीही घर के हर सदस्य परमेश्वर के उद्देश्यों पर आधारित रहता है।

It's a place where the family's goals are founded upon God's values and the family's future is consistent with *His* plan. Every family should know God's will in their lives. Their guiding principle can be flexible but should be consistent always with the word of God (2 Tim.3:16-17). They must be able to reflect eternal focus and express a deep hope of seeing Jesus face to face one day.

- यह एक ऐसा स्थान है जहाँ परिवार के लक्ष्य परमेश्वर के मूल्यों पर स्थापित होते हैं और परिवार का भविष्य उनकी योजना के अनुरूप होता है।
- प्रत्येक परिवार को अपने जीवन में ईश्वर की इच्छा को जानना चाहिए। उनका मार्गदर्शक सिद्धांत लचीला हो सकता है लेकिन परमेश्वर के वचन के अनुसार होता है (2 तीमु। 3: 16-17)।
- वे हमेशा ध्यान को प्रतिबिंबित करने में सक्षम होना चाहिए और यीशु को एक दिन आमने-सामने देखने की गहरी आशा व्यक्त करेंगे।

# 7-Characteristics of a Christian Home: (Lk.10:38-42)

**1) They received Jesus into the home:**

उन्होंने यीशु को घर में आमंत्रित किया:

The word “Christian” is really “Christ-in,” or “one into whose life Jesus has been made welcome and made to feel at home.”

**2) They gave Jesus first place:**

उन्होंने यीशु को पहला स्थान दिया:

Recognizing Jesus as Lord and sitting at His feet listening to what He is saying.

(Ps.50:23; Colo.3:16; 1 Cor.6:12-20).





**3) Home is the place of conversation where God's word is heard:**

**घर बातचीत का स्थान है जहाँ परमेश्वर का वचन सुना जाता है:**

A regular reading of the word of God, family altar (family prayer) are important for every family.

वचन का नियमित पठन, पारिवारिक वेदी (परिवार की प्रार्थना) प्रत्येक परिवार के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है।

**4) Home is the place where common and necessary things are just required:** घर वह जगह है जहाँ आम और आवश्यक चीजों की जरूरत है।

Don't be cumbered with many things or perfection like Martha. But spend as much time as possible with your invited guests. (Col.3:23).

मार्था जैसी कई चीजों या पूर्णता के साथ सहयोजित नहीं किया जाना चाहिए। लेकिन अपने आमंत्रित मेहमानों के साथ ज्यादा से ज्यादा समय बिताएं। (Col.3: 23)।

## **5) Spirit of Hospitality: आतिथ्य की आत्मा:**

Contributing to the needs of others, practicing hospitality without grudging. (Rom.12:13)|

दूसरों की जरूरतों में योगदान देना, बिना घबराहट के आतिथ्य का अभ्यास करना।

## **6) Take the problems to the Lord Jesus Christ.**

समस्याओं को प्रभु यीशु मसीह के पास ले जाएं।

When you get upset about things, your complaints etc. take them to the Lord and pray about them.

## 7) Home is the place of quiet time:

घर ही शांत से बिताने की जगह है:

- When you get upset about things, your complaints etc. take them to the Lord and pray about them.

जब आप चीजों के बारे में परेशान हो जाते हैं, तो आपकी शिकायतें प्रभु के पास ले आवे और उनके बारे में प्रार्थना करे।

## 8) Hearing Jesus (the Word of God), sitting at His feet (praying) should be foremost in the Christian Home. (Rom.12: 13)

परमेश्वर के वचन को सुनना, उसके चरणों में बैठना (प्रार्थना करना) मसीही के घर में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण होना चाहिए।

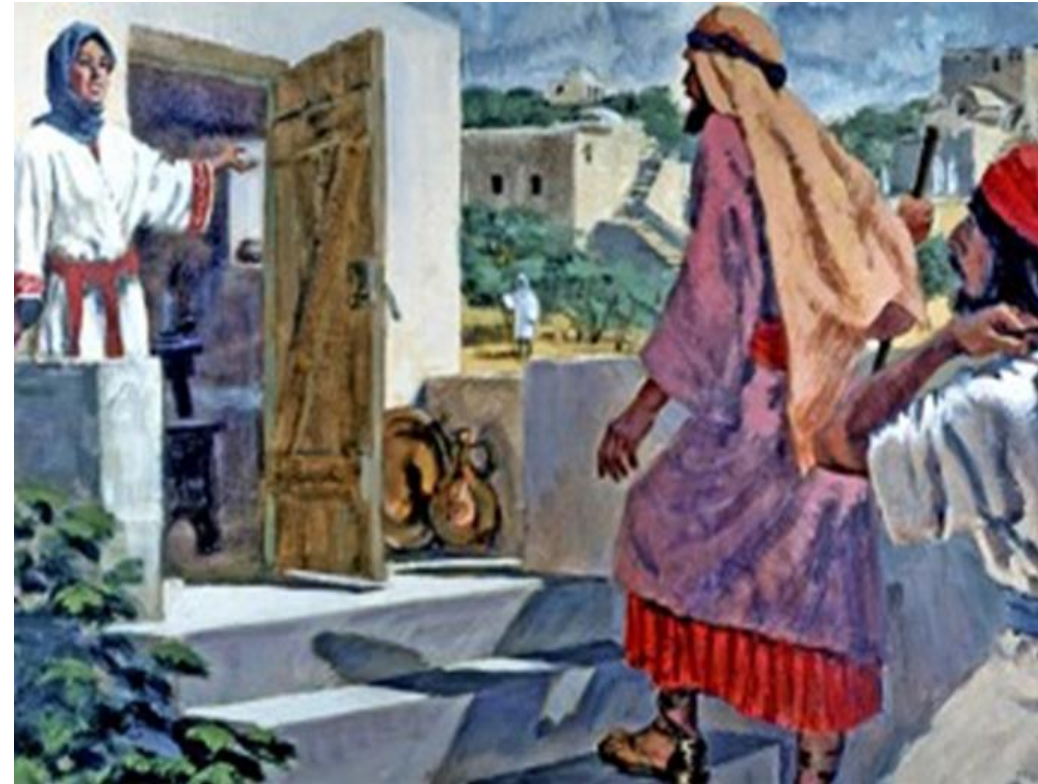


# Some Examples and benefits of COH.

(2 Ki.4:8-10)

8 One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. 9 She said to her husband, “I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. 10 Let’s make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us.”

**Result :** Healing: the lady was blessed with a child

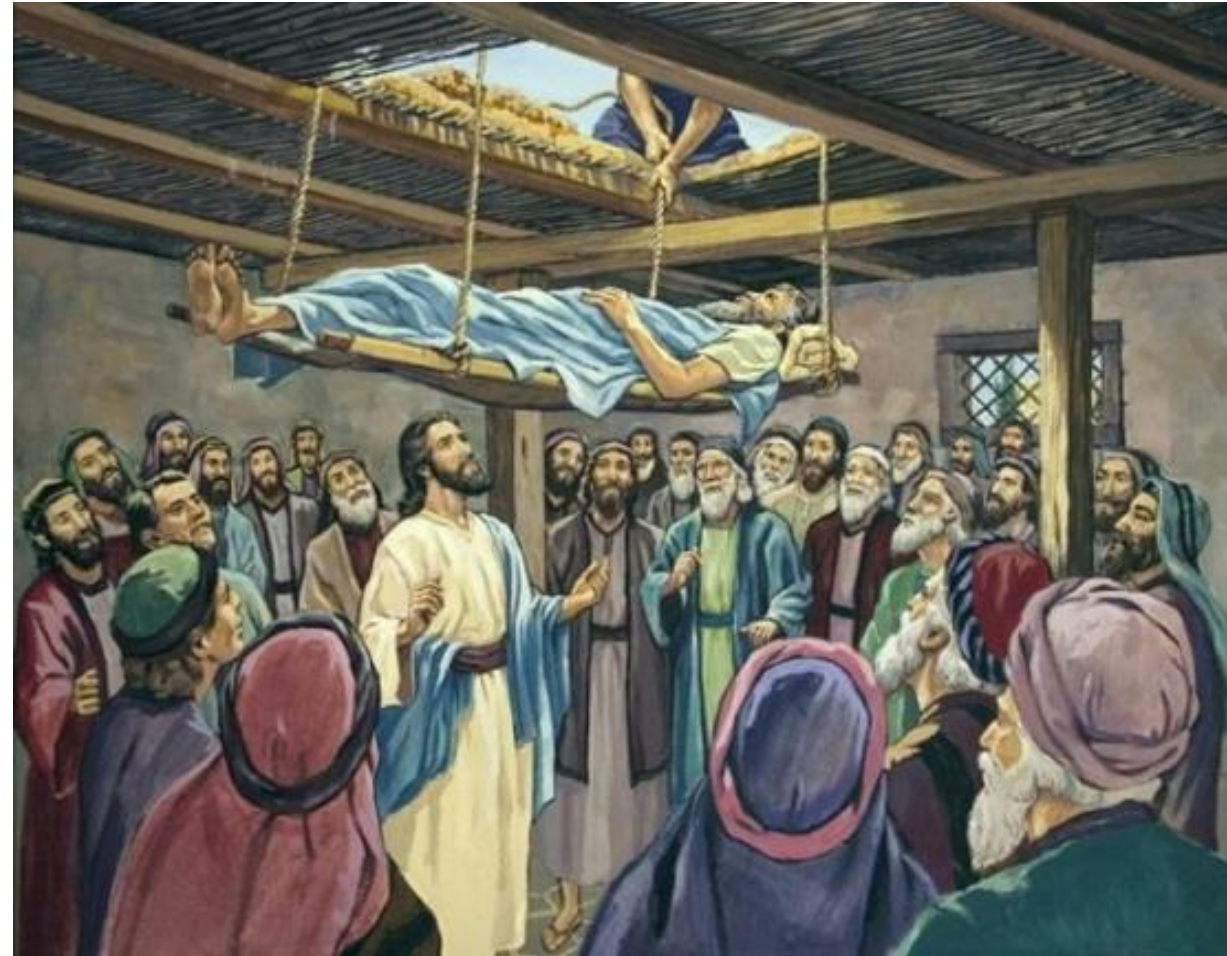


## Jesus had done great miracles in homes.

(Mark 2:1-12)

10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So He said to the man, 11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

**Result** : Jesus heals and forgives the paralysed man.



## Jesus was anointed by a sinful woman

(Luke 7:36-50).

Jesus was invited by a pharisee named Simon.

The woman broke the alabaster jar of Perfume, wet Jesus's feet and wiped His feet with her hair.



**Result** : Her many sins were forgiven (Luke 7: 47)

# Mary, Martha and Lazarus:

- At Bethany, Jesus would always visit this home. They were keen listeners of the Word of God (Lk.10:38-42).
- In (Jn.11:1-44) the Lord Jesus had performed a great miracle.
- They believed and saw the glory of God.

**Result:** Lazarus was dead, but he was raised to life even after 4-days.



# Aquila and Priscilla welcomed Paul into their home

(Acts 18:1-3): Because Paul was also a tent maker.

- They meet Paul at Corinth and helped Paul in his ministry.
- When Paul moved from Corinth to Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla also moved to Ephesus and assisted in founding the church.
- The couple had invited, counselled and invested time for Apollos and he became a mighty preacher.





- The couple went to Rome and assisted the church (Rom.16:3).
- Wherever they went, they assisted the believers and the church was meeting in their house.
- Their journey from Rome to Corinth, to Ephesus to Rome and again Ephesus, they served the Lord and founding many branch churches and led many people to Christ.
- We can read about this couple in (Acts.18:2-28; 1 Cor.16:19; 2 Tim.4:19)

**Result:** One of the greatest model for Christian Open Home.

# Lydia Acts 16:14-15

- A business women of purple dye in Philippi.
- A Gentile, offered hospitality to Paul.
- First covert of European country.
- Lord opened Lydia's heart and she opened her home to welcome Paul and Silas and their co-workers.
- Paul was relaxed in her home.
- People met for worship and fellowship in their house (Acts 16:14).

**Result:** The first European Church in the world history founded in Lydia's home.



## Gaius the man of hospitality: (3 Jn.1:1ff)

- The Apostle John commended Gaius for showing hospitality to the true ministers (1:4)
- Gaius was an encouragement, not only to the brethren in general, but especially to strangers who came to have fellowship with the church and to minister (1:5-6)
- In the early church days, preachers were not welcomed into homes (1:8)



- Gaius not only opened his home, but he also opened his heart and his hand to give financial help to his guests(1:7).
- Gaius had a wonderful testimony "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Heb 10:24). All the members knew him, loved him, and thanked God for his consistent life and ministry.

“Only one life, it will soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last” (Poem by CT Studd).

**Result:** The ministry flourished, he stands as a role model for today.

# Few reasons that keep us away from having an open home

- Like Martha although she loved Jesus very much, was very self conscious. There is greater need to have fellowship than making our house more convenient or comfortable.
- People are more pre-occupied and miss the fellowship.
- People don't want to disturb their personal space and time.
- People are afraid of extra work, its wear and tears, expenses, perhaps disturbance to academics of the children.



- People are afraid that they lose their privacy.
- People are afraid that they have to invest lot of time and money.
- We fear that if we open our house people will stick around us.
- We may not have that genuine love for God's people.
- We may not have sincere love for others.
- We may be lacking in zeal for doing ministry especially among the students.





Practice  
hospitality

ROMANS 12:13



**Thanks for your  
patient hearing**

**May God bless you.**

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