



Lesson Four

“Excellence, Hospitality and Etiquette Training”

Objective: *To implement practical application skills of excellence in hospitality and etiquette in order to become more excellent in manners that set visitors and others at ease and help them feel welcome and at home at Xceleration Church.*

I. The Spirit of Excellence

The Law of Excellence: *An uncompromised, progressive commitment to quality and superior performance at the highest and best of one’s capability, which causes **success acceleration, speaks in one’s absence, summons attention, is the source of attraction, and causes superior appearance.** There must be a private resolve for excellence before public resolve will last.*

II. The Practice of Hospitality

HOSPITABLE: *a : given to generous and cordial reception of guests b : promising or suggesting generous and cordial welcome c : offering a pleasant or sustaining environment*

Rom 12:13 NLT *When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to **practice hospitality.***

MSG *be **inventive** in hospitality.*

(We should always be thinking of new ways to help people feel welcome and in a loving, caring environment.)

a. Paul _____ the Corinthian Church for their hospitality.

2 Cor 7:14-16 MSG *Titus saw for himself that everything I had said about you was true. 15 He can't quit talking about it, going over again and again the story of **your prompt obedience, and the dignity and sensitivity of your hospitality.** He was quite overwhelmed by it all! 16 And I couldn't be more pleased — I'm so confident and proud of you.*

b. The kind of hospitality we are serving others with is being _____ to how people feel about their Xceleration experience.

The way people feel about their experience at church may also be the opinion they form about God. We want to always do our best to make an

excellent first impression by noticing new people or people we have not yet formally introduced ourselves to. Knowing how to make a proper introduction is important. We will cover how to do that as well as how to get friendly conversation going. In the previous Scripture, it suggests that Titus was overwhelmed with their "***prompt obedience, and the dignity and sensitivity of their hospitality.***" We want people to be overwhelmed with **how quick we are to be sensitive about people feeling welcomed**, the dignity of being made to feel welcomed immediately rather than being ignored or we just assume they know what to do and how to blend into our church on their own. We should offer to sit with new people and help them along. Being aware of them, their feelings and needs is our greatest assignment. It's why we are here.

c. We may be extending hospitality to _____ without knowing it.

Heb 13:2-3 MSG *Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it!*

d. Hospitality makes _____ visible.

3 John 5 MSG *Dear friend, when you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters, even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible.*