

Why Welcome a Stranger?

Match the statement with the Bible verse to discover what the Bible says about welcoming strangers.

Statements:

Everyone is equal and deserves to be treated fairly.

Welcoming strangers can be like welcoming angels.

If you follow Jesus, you should invite people into your home without complaining.

Jesus said that welcoming children was like welcoming God.

Helping people who are in need is like offering help to Jesus.

Beliefs should be matched with action, especially when it comes to widows and orphans.

Bible verses:

Don't forget to welcome outsiders. By doing that, some people have welcomed angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2 (NIRV)

Suppose people think their beliefs and how they live are both right. But they don't control what they say. Then they are fooling themselves. Their beliefs and way of life are not worth anything at all. Here are the beliefs and way of life that God our Father accepts as pure and without fault. When widows are in trouble, take care of them. Do the same for children who have no parents. And don't let the world make you impure.

James 1:26-27 (NIRV)

Then the King will speak to those on his right. He will say, 'My Father has blessed you. Come and take what is yours. It is the kingdom prepared for you since the world was created. I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me.'

"Then the people who have done what is right will answer him. 'Lord,' they will ask, 'when did we see you hungry and feed you? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in? When did we see you needing clothes and give them to you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:34-40 (NIRV)

Jesus called a little child over to him. He had the child stand among them. Jesus said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. You need to change and become like little children. If you don't, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Anyone who takes the humble position of this child is the most important in the kingdom of heaven. Anyone who welcomes a little child like this one in my name welcomes me.

Matthew 18:2-5 (NIRV)

Welcome others into your homes without complaining. God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully.

1 Peter 4:9-10 (NIRV)

This is because all of you who were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. You have put him on as if he were your clothes. There is no Jew or Gentile. There is no slave or free person. There is no male or female. That's because you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:27-29 (NIRV)