

# Hospitality Assessment

Do you wonder if your teens are hospitable? Ask yourself four questions to gauge how well they roll out the welcome mat for others.

## When someone comes over, does your teen . . .

talk with guests, even if the guest is older?	Praise your teen for giving preference to and honoring others (Romans 12:10).
greet guests and then leave?	Ask your teen to stay 15 minutes before leaving. A set time will help him adjust.
leave immediately?	Ask your teen to be in charge of answering the door and greeting guests, hanging jackets and offering beverages.

## A relative will be visiting your town and needs a place to stay for the weekend. Does your teen . . .

offer her room?	Praise your teen for freely giving what God has given her (Matthew 10:8).
volunteer her sibling's or another room?	Ask your teen to list the advantages and disadvantages of the guest being in each bedroom, including the teen's room.
give up her room when asked but complain the entire weekend?	To encourage her to be more hospitable, give your teen a hostess gift for giving up her room.

## The new neighbor's young son is a *Star Wars* fan. Does your teen . . .

offer his action-figure collection for the child to use?	Praise him for welcoming a stranger to the neighborhood and valuing people more than objects (Matthew 6:19).
buy a <i>Star Wars</i> toy from the discount bin for the child?	Praise your teen for thinking about others, and encourage him to share one of his belongings when the neighbor visits.
close his bedroom door whenever neighbors visit?	Invite your teen to open his door and allow the neighbor child to look at his collection.

## A friend of your teen often borrows your teen's clothes. Does your teen . . .

lend her favorite outfits?	Praise your teen for giving to everyone who asks of her (Luke 6:30).
share her clothes but not her best things?	Suggest that your teen include one favorite item in what she will share with friends.
not let friends borrow any clothing, no matter the situation?	Offer to help your teen go through her closet and give away unwanted items to charity. Praise her for her generosity.