

Women's Ministry Day September 2010

On our day together we shared some of our top tips for hospitality. Here they are for us all to enjoy!

The Women's Ministry team would also commend the following articles to you (with apologies if in the interim the links have stopped working).

<http://www.girltalkhome.com/blog/category/hospitality/P0/> (series of blog entries on hospitality).

<http://www.reviveourhearts.com/radio/roh/today.php?lid=26122> (transcript of radio discussion between two single women passionate about hospital).

Our tips

- Bring baking to the cinema.
- Parboil your potatoes before you leave for church, then put in the oven as soon as you get home and you should have 'perfect' roast potatoes by the time you eat lunch.
- Keep your hospitality light, simple and open.
- Be willing to be included in other people's plans.
- Just do it! If you think you need to plan and prepare you will never be ready.
- Host a BBQ evening.
- Host a dessert evening.
- Have others bring starters or games.
- Pre-cook a meal for stress-free evening.
- Start small and work up to develop comfort.
- Buy bargain foods to put in the freezer.
- When you don't 'feel' like doing hospitality just do it – you will be blessed.
- Make hospitality a priority. If you're on a budget just buy one less pair of shoes. Chocolate etc, as the pennies add up.
- Smile!
- Don't try anything you've not cooked before.
- Plan your shopping in advance to keep on budget.
- Be available for God to use you and respond to opportunities spontaneously.
- If an one-to-one chat might get awkward go to a coffee shop.
- Pray for your guests before and at the meal table.
- Delegate and take all help offered.
- Always entertain on an empty dishwasher!