

## A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

Romans 12:13

When God's children are in need, you be the one to help them out. And get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner or, if they need lodging, for the night.

**Ingredient #1: adopt an open-home attitude toward others**

Martha welcomed Jesus and his disciples into her home.

*Luke 10:38-39*

**Ingredient #2: people take priority over things**

It's not the size of our home, but the size of heart that matters.

*Acts 20:35*

**Ingredient #3: take an active interest in those to whom you choose to open your life.**

Mary listened to Jesus.

*Luke 10:40-42*

- Listen
- Ask good questions
- Have a plan
- Our homes: "hospitals of grace"

It's a question of the heart: will you be open to the needs of others?

**CHALLENGE:** Will you create space in your cluttered life in the next thirty days? Will you invite someone into your home or apartment for coffee, a Coke, or a meal some time before January 31?

**Hospitality prayer:** Lord, teach me the joys of using my home as a ministry base. I'm not sure I know how to do that, but I am willing to learn. Amen.