

Dear Ministry Partners,

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The Epoch Times' article, "The Tragic End of Dinner Parties," points to a 70% decline in people hosting family or friends from 1975 to 2026. The reasons are fear of being judged for furnishings or messes, and the dual-income family that leaves no one responsible for caring for the home, making it an "after-thought, a place to camp daily." Newly built homes now feature bigger kitchens, even eliminating the dining room. Linen, glassware, plates & silver are found at Goodwill for rock-bottom prices. Some "cheer this as liberation or prosperity," but might it actually be a slavery or poverty?

I know: it is hard work, uncomfortable, inconvenient, etc., but why does the Bible command us to be hospitable? (Romans 12:13, 1 Timothy 3:2 & 5:10, Titus 5:10, Hebrews 13:2, and 1 Peter 4:19.) It is around the table that connection, interaction, and relationships can be established. Love and care can be felt there...instead of around a trough.

Recently our church had a crisis: a young couple was pregnant out-of-wedlock. They took our advice to confess to the church family and ask for forgiveness. When the non-Christian Hong Kong family of the groom arrived for the wedding to meet the bride and her family for the first time, we hosted a lovely dinner for them all to give them face, and show the love of Christ tangibly at our table before giving them copies of my book. Love was served. Hospitality is ministry!

For His glory,

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