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Holiday Etiquette

Whether you are a host or guest, or neither, this holiday - it is important to have love and gratitude at the cornerstone of your heart and mind. If we don't do what we need to do with love - no matter how busy the season becomes, we are truly a clashing cymbal. During Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas we have so much to be thankful for.

Thanksgiving is an opportunity to feast in communion with family and friends, and is a powerful way to honor and reflect on the blessings of the past year. During Advent we are preparing our hearts and our family's hearts to welcome our Savior. Think of the gentleness and peace of the Christ-Child. We want that same peace in our own homes and families. Christmas brings with it new life and extreme joy. We can foster this by being fully present with those around us and fostering goodwill, virtue.





Hosting Etiquette

Opening your home is a gift to others and a beautiful way we can show love this year.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

- Hebrews 13:2

Create a timeline and checklist for yourself and your family: week before, day before, night before, morning of the event etc

Take time to assess how to best use your dining space and how to serve the meal. Would a family style meal or buffet work best? Get creative with your space!

Always inquire about your guest's food allergies. You are not obligated to inquire about food preferences.

Incorporate food that can be served at room temperature on the menu. Prepare as many dishes as you can ahead of time so you can focus on being present to your guests as much as possible.

Children's Etiquette:

- Have your children help! Let them be greeters, have them set the table, design the placecards, write the names of the placecards.
- Remember your family comes first. They sense if we are stressed, if we are bustling about ignoring them. Slow down, take time for them, make sure they are fed. Do it with LOVE.
- Practice greeting with them. Handshake, look in eyes, have them practice response of "how are you?" And have them ask the other person, "how are you?"





Guest Etiquette

RSVP as soon as possible, and when you do, ask what you can bring. Even if the host declines, never show up empty handed. It can be as simple as a drawing your child makes, but never show up empty handed. Other ideas include: candles, baked goods, a tea cup and tea, your favorite cookbook, or local honey.

If you do have a food allergy or sensitivity, let your host know. Offer to bring a dish that you can eat when you let them know about your allergy.

If you don't know someone at the gathering, or see someone alone, take the initiative to introduce yourself and strike up a conversation.

Write a handwritten thank you note within two days of the meal or event.

