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# A Ministry of Love



*“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

**John 13:35**

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# An Early Christian Practice



*“Daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”*

Acts 5:42

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# Why is visitation important?



- A neglected activity by the church
- It's an opportunity to get to know members
- It creates sympathy and connects hearts
- It promotes members spiritual growth and commitment to the church
- It shows that the leadership cares about its members
- It helps prevent apostasy, addresses heresies

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# Principles of Visitation



- Mingling before and after church
- Telephone calls
- Neutral meeting places
- Home visitation



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- Home visitation
  - Prepare – pray, select a scripture
  - Befriend – show interest in family, active listening
  - Read – preselected scripture + short comment
  - Ask – prayer requests, concerns etc.
  - Pray – include requests, bless the home
  - Leave – leave promptly
  - Write – record the family's concerns and your impressions

