

Prophet's Chamber Considerations

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These may sound like common sense to many people. However, one person's "common sense" and another person's "common sense" may be very different. These suggestions come from many years of hosting guests and being a guest during deputation, furlough, etc.

1. The best location for the prophet's chamber is a place that does not have a lot of people coming and going.
2. Do not assume that used furniture donated for a prophet's chamber is in good, useable, and comfortable condition. People usually get rid of furniture for a reason.
3. Be sure that the furniture is checked, repaired, and cleaned regularly. Don't make unfounded assumptions.
4. The mattress(es) are not the place to trim expenses. A new, good quality mattress will last a long time. An inexpensive or used mattress won't.
5. If possible have a small refrigerator and microwave available in the prophet's chamber.
6. Have snacks and beverages available for the guests. Routinely check for expiration dates and discard out-of-date items.
7. Have a good quality port-a-crib and proper linens/blankets available. They should be checked carefully and cleaned after every guest..
8. Be sure that the rooms are clean and neat for your next guest. If it hasn't been used for a while between guests it should be spruced up before arrival.
9. Have a person that is responsible to clean it after every guest and to check it before the next guest arrives. Some ask guests to not make the bed before they leave so that assumptions are not made and the sheets not laundered between guests.
10. It would be a good idea for the pastor and his wife to plan to take everything that they will need and stay for a couple of nights in the prophet's chamber once a year. This is the best way to get a feel for how comfortable it is or to find things that need to be attended to.
11. Ask guests to leave a note concerning anything that needs to be repaired, replaced, or needs attention. The guests are the ones that know but will rarely say anything. They don't want to seem picky, critical, or unappreciative. However, they know!