



"Parable of being Humble!"

Luke 14:7-14

The Bible showed us last Sunday where Jesus was invited to a meal with the Pharisees. While there, Jesus healed a man with Dropsy! **Incredible miracle!** But, Jesus also exposed the pride, arrogance and stubborn hearts of the Pharisees towards Him and His compassion & Mercy toward others! **Today**, Jesus speaks to them on living humble not prideful!

- Ever since Luke chapter 10, Jesus taught on not allowing pride to enter the disciple's hearts or anyone else's! It has been a very eye opening journey since then!

1. Jesus is teaching on being Humble...not prideful!

- **Luke 14:7** - "trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table." / "the best places"
- **The BEST PLACE was to sit by the host!** That was the highest status!
- In **Luke 11:43**, Jesus is teaching on the Woe's! A "woe" is the ultimate warning!
- In **Matthew 23:6-12**, Jesus addresses several areas of the Pharisees pride and arrogance!
- **Proverbs 25:6-7** – Godly advice on living a humble life!
- *The message of Jesus is wrapped up in being a true and humble servant...not being served!*
- **Luke 14:8-11** - Jesus gives some amazing humble advice!

A. Luke 14:9 – “embarrassed or shamed”

- Honor and shame were very pivotal values and still are! You don't want to be shamed!
- Yet, when you are arrogant, prideful and full of yourself, you expect to be treated as an elite!
- Jesus is showing here that you will be publically shamed because of not living a humble life sitting in the humble seat!
- *Another words, you will receive some “humble pie” at the meal / in life!*
- A family's honor in the community determined who they married, what functions they could attend, where they could live and with whom they could do business.
- The public shame of moving from the BEST seat to the LAST seat in front of his or her colleagues would be humiliation at its worst for them...worse than death! **Why?**
- Wherever they go, they walk in shame because of their arrogance and choices!

- **The point?** You want the host to call you to that best seat...not you placing yourself there first for attention!
- **Pride** = social snobbery, exalting oneself and thinking of just you and your own gain.
- How you approach being honored is at the heart of it all! Honoring Jesus is the key, and then allowing Jesus to place you in the seat that He sees best for you!
- **Luke 14:10** – “Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table!” **Why?**
- **Luke 14:10** – “**Then when your host see you**, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a **better place** for you! Then **you will be honored in front of all the other guests!**”
- Jesus is showing to live a humble life!

2. The host!

- **Luke 14:12-13**
- Jesus then addresses the host of the lunch or banquet! (Both lunch and dinner)
- Jesus is showing here to not just be about your own group of people! Not saying that you accept or affirm sin or sinful lifestyles at all! He is saying that we are to reach the world (**Matthew 28:18-20**)! ****INVITE!**** / ****GO!**** / ****You are SENT!**** (**Luke 19:10**)
- **John 3:16** says “whosoever”! (Notice it says who believes! Not talking to the sinful continued life or lifestyle!)
- **Romans 10:13** says “Everyone”! (Notice it says who calls on the name of the Lord...not those who continue in their sinful life or lifestyle!)
- **Timothy 2:4** Jesus wants ALL PEOPLE to be saved!

Closing: The Resurrection!

- **Luke 14:14**
- Jesus tells the host and the Pharisees here that at the “resurrection of the righteous”.
- He is giving them another chance to humble themselves, repent of their arrogance, pride, entitlement and snobbery!
- **Verse 14** “God will reward YOU for inviting those who could not repay you.”
- **Daniel 12:2** is the first mention of the “resurrection of the righteous”.
- The Jewish leaders believed that because they were Jewish leaders that they would be rewarded because of WHO they were! *This was and is still false!*
- **Fact – Status gets you nowhere with God! Being a humble Child of God does!**
- Jesus is making it very clear to every Pharisee here at this meal and the host that they must repent and change or they will not be a part of the Resurrection of the Righteous!

****The BEST hospitality is that which is given!****

- *True righteousness is not offered in payback! To give without payback is the ultimate gift! Yet, God is so gracious to REWARD us for our giving with a humble heart!*
- Reaching the lost away from Christ is what is eternally valuable and commendable!
- The Resurrection will come one day in **1 Corinthians 4:5** and God will reveal it all!
- What you heard about the **Pregnancy Resource Center** today that we have been able to do for them is of eternal reward for us while meeting the needs of people now!