

A Place Where the Humbled are Exalted

Luke 14:1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. 2 There in front of him was a man suffering from dropsy. 3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" 4 But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him away. 5 Then he asked them, "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?" 6 And they had nothing to say. 7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." 12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." 15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

What Are We Learning in this Series . . .

1. The church is a body of people who _____ the Lord and also need _____.
2. Quality relationships are the _____ to reach people for Jesus and the key to growing in our walk with Him.

What Do We Learn about Proud People?

1. Proud people like to be _____ with people that they think are _____.
2. Proud people look for ways to "bring others _____" so as to make themselves look _____.
3. Proud people don't really care about the _____ of others. Instead, they _____ people to accomplish their own purposes.

4. Proud people fear being _____ and looking _____ in front of others.
5. Proud people make _____ to the rules to meet their _____ needs.
6. Proud people like to be _____.
7. Proud people do _____ to those who can _____ them in some form.

What Do We Learn about Godly (Humble) People?

1. Godly people do what is _____ in spite of the problems that it might _____ for them.
Luke 14: 3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?"
2. Godly people consider the _____ of those around them.
 - a. The man with dropsy needed _____.
-- Jesus _____ the man
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-- Jesus _____ the man _____
 - b. The Pharisee and the experts in the law needed _____ and _____.
 - c. The crowd needed the opportunity to _____.
3. Godly people look for ways to _____ others.
4. Godly people do _____ to those who can't _____.

So What?

1. Jesus taught that humility is an _____!
What are you doing to show your concern for those around you?
2. Jesus spent time with people outside of His
"_____". Do you do the same?
3. Jesus taught that the church is a place where people should be _____ and _____ for.