

Humility

Luke 14:1-14

*One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from dropsy. **Luke 14:1-2***

*Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him away. **Luke 14:3-4***

*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?” And they had nothing to say. **Luke 14:5-6***

*When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “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. **Luke 14:7-8***

*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. **Luke 14:9***

*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. **Luke 14:10***

*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” **Luke 14:11***

*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. **Luke 14:12***

*But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” **Luke 14:13-14***

The Pharisees’ self-promotion

- They tried to manipulate Jesus in a banquet that they had prepared.
- Their scramble for the chief seats at the table.

Christians need to have a genuine spirit of humility and of self-effacement.

1. Our world instinctively _____ for places of prominence today.

Self-centeredness seems more common today

- Smaller _____
- Result of affluence
- M_____ stimulated

2. The Christian is to obediently _____ to others.

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“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor.

Luke 14:8a

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. **Philippians 2:3-4***

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. **James 4:10***

*clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. **1 Peter 5:5b-6***

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, **Philippians 2:5-7a***

*For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. **Luke 22:27***

Objections to humbling one's self

- We are afraid we'll become a "doormat"
- We'll be _____ — (If we don't promote ourselves, nobody will)

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. **Matthew 16:24-25***

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3. God will consistently _____ the humble.

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Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

1 Corinthians 1:26

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. **1 Corinthians 1:27***

He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

1 Corinthians 1:28-29

God exalting a humble person

- Old Testament— _____
- New Testament— _____

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When faced with a choice, willingly take the lower seat

and look for an opportunity to _____.

When promoted by God, humbly take the exalted position

and give Him the _____.

“I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3-4

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6

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