

# The Importance of Humility

Luke 14: 07-14

## 1 *Jesus attended a banquet*

- a. He noticed some choosing the best seats
- b. He shared a parable

## 2 *The parable: The ambitious guest*

- a. The first man:  
Seeks the place of honour
  - 1) Is displaced
  - 2) Finds all other seats already taken
  - 3) Has to take the less prominent, less visible seat
  - 4) Is embarrassed
- b. The second man:  
Takes the lowest place of honour
  - 1) Is acknowledged
  - 2) Is rewarded with a higher position
  - 3) Is honoured by all

## 3 *The parable's point*

- a. Self-exaltation humbles
- b. Humility exalts

## 4 *The demonstration of humility*

- a. Humility is not serving those who can repay
- b. Humility is serving those who are needy are cannot repay
- c. Humility shall be rewarded

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable:

8 “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, 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 honoured 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 neighbours; 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.”