

EMILY POST MEETS JESUS CHRIST

Luke 14:1-14

The Pharisees arranged this dinner in order to put Jesus in a situation where He would heal on the _____
This is the third story of Jesus healing on the Sabbath in Luke: Jesus mediates God's Law on the _____

I. HOW TO BE A GUEST *Luke 14:7-11*

As Jesus watched the behavior of the guests at this dinner, He remarked on their _____ and customs
Verse 7 calls Jesus' remarks a parable, but the parable was provided by the _____ of 1 of the guests

A. Jesus Spoke to Cultural _____

- 1) The gospel must impact the customs and manners of a culture—what people are _____ to do
- 2) When we follow Christ, we will no longer just go along with our culture: we become a _____
- 3) Illustration: Eastern culture is more concerned about _____ vs shame than right vs wrong
 - a) Muslims carry out "honor killings" because the honor of the _____ is much more important than whether it is right or wrong to murder a family member
 - b) Muslim teens see no problem with _____ and lying, only getting caught and shamed publicly
 - c) The guests at this dinner were concerned with increasing their _____ in the eyes of other guests
- 4) Jesus rebuked this cultural norm by introducing a completely different way to _____ about honor
 - a) Our concern must not be with how much men honor us, but with how much _____ honors us
 - b) God honors the _____ rather than those concerned to increase their honor before men

B. Jesus Addressed Our Human _____

In 100 little ways, we all try to put ourselves in the "best seat"—we all must deal with _____ and ego

- 1) We know this tendency is widespread because Paul wrote at least 3 _____ about this issue
- 2) A thought to battle pride: what God thinks of me is more important than what _____ think of me

II. HOW TO BE A HOST *Luke 14:12-14*

A. The Cultural Norm *14:12*

- 1) When hosts composed guest lists their primary concern was who could _____ the favor in some way
Hosting dinners was a way to elevate your social _____, put others in your debt or schmooze
- 2) This cultural norm is alive and well today: who do we invite to _____? Who do we schmooze?

B. The Christian Alternative *14:13*

- 1) Jesus' command is not absolute: He is not forbidding us to invite friends and _____ to a wedding
- 2) Our motives must not be mercenary and we must at times host events with no concern to be _____
- 3) Jesus' guest list included the poor, the maimed, the lame and the _____ --2 considerations:
 - a) Few if any in these 4 groups would have the ability to repay the host or elevate his social _____
 - b) Based on Lev. 21:17-23 _____ would have seen this group as undesirables, unfit to invite
 - c) Those with spiritual, personal, emotional or physical _____ are the people we must minister to

C. The Eternal Motivation *14:14*

- 1) What should we sacrifice to minister to the poor? Because _____ will repay us rather than men
- 2) We can lay up treasure in _____ & be rewarded at the Judgment Seat by ministering to the poor