

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF

THE PARABLES OF JESUS



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The Parable of the Honored Guest Luke 14:8-10

*Tell all the truth but tell it slant —
Success in Circuit lies
Too bright for our infirm Delight
The Truth's superb surprise
As Lightning to the Children eased
With explanation kind
The Truth must dazzle gradually
Or every man be blind —*
Emily Dickinson

The Puzzle of Parables

Luke 14:8-10

“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 person 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 the other guests.”

When someone invites you to a wedding feast...

Resources:

Tell it Slant by Eugene Peterson

Luke for Everyone by N.T. Wright

NIV Application Commentary by Darrell L. Bock

Setting the Scene

One Sabbath...

...he went to dine...

...they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy.

“Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?”

Two Questions

1. Who is the honored guest?

2. What does true humility look like?

Digging Deeper into Kingdom Hospitality

This week's passages:

Monday – The Parable of the Honored Guest: Luke 14:1-11

Tuesday – The Parable of the Banquet: Luke 14:12-24

Wednesday – The Parable of the Sheep and Goats: Matthew 25:31-40

Thursday – Hospitality the End of All Things: 1 Peter 4:7-10

Friday – Hospitality and Fasting: Isaiah 58:3-11

Weekend – Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God's word says about God, and Kingdom humility, hospitality, and generosity. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word (“*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*” James 1:22).