



**BUT WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT IT?
 “What Did Jesus Say About Humility?” Luke 14:1-24**

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Whenever Jesus went to dinner something extraordinary happened. He invariably turned the “table talk” into a teachable moment. On this occasion the subject was “HUMILITY.”

I. The Setting—A Dinner Party. vv. 1-7

- A. An invitation with an ulterior motive: “He was being carefully watched.”
- B. A head-on challenge to a set up: “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”
- C. An exposure of heart attitudes: Proud, unyielding self-righteousness.
- D. An exhibition of self-importance, self-absorption, and self-promotion.

II. The First Parable—A Lesson on Social Behavior. vv. 8-14

- A. The blindness of self-absorption.
 - 1. Blind to the relative significance of self and of others.
 - 2. Blind to the possibility of public humiliation.
- B. The blessings of humility.
 - 1. It avoids an exaggerated view of self.
 - 2. It escapes the trap of a demeaning view of others.
 - 3. It allows for the genuine recognition of worth.
- C. The behavior of the humble.
 - 1. Their actions are not designed for self-advancement.
 - 2. They focus on being a blessing rather than being blessed.
 - 3. They understand the “resurrection of the righteous.”

III. The Second Parable—A Lesson on Spiritual Principles. vv. 15-24

- A. The ultimate blessing of feasting in the kingdom.
 - 1. The pronouncer of the blessing assumes all present will participate.
 - 2. The parable questions this proud assumption.
- B. The banquet is by invitation only.
 - 1. The invitations have gone out; initial responses have been received.
 - 2. The time for full acceptance has come; excuses abound.
- C. That which the proud disdain; the humble will accept.

IV. The Point.

- A. Those whose vision of themselves is faulty will be excluded.
- B. Those who see themselves as they are will be allowed to enter.
 - 1. Poor. 2. Crippled. 3. Blind. 4. Lame.
- C. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled.
- D. Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Points to Ponder: Why is it so hard to be humble when it’s obvious how needy we are?