

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Lessons In Discipleship"
Luke 14:1-14
Study-61

Luke 14:1-24 Dinner Party Verses 1-6 Jesus speaks to the **Lawyers & Pharisees**; **Verses 7-11** Jesus speaks to **the Guests**; **Verses 12-14** Jesus speaks to **the Host**; **Verses 15-24** Jesus speaks to a **Pious Fellow-Guest**
Luke 14:24

Matthew 12:11-12

Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man

Luke 14 The Dynamics of Discipleship:
Verses 1-14 **Lessons In Discipleship**
Verses 15-24 **Great Refusal**
Verses 25-35 **Conditions of Discipleship**

Jesus is under attack but He responds not in "Retaliation" but "Instruction;" He attempts to expose the religious errors.

How we respond to the correction of the Lord determines if we grow, or if we remain the same, or even become worse.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Discipleship Means Being Merciful Knowing We Are Undeserving Of God's Mercy So We Are Generous To Less Fortunate"

- 1. Verses 1-6 Be Merciful: (Lawyers/Pharisees)**
- 2. Verses 7-11 Be Humble: (Guests)**
- 3. Verses 12-14 Be Generous: (Host)**

1. Verses 1-6 Be Merciful: (Lawyers/Pharisees)

Luke 14:1 It happened (Context) Jesus has just challenged the crowd about entering the kingdom. (Narrow Door)

that when He went into the house of one of the leaders Luke is not concerned about the location as he is the event.

of one of the leaders of the Pharisees – *"to separate or separate ones"*
leaders of the Pharisees *Chief Pharisee, chief, most religious (member Sanhedrin).*

they were watching Him closely. *"to keep on watching, observe carefully"*

Jesus has healed **three times** in Luke on the Sabbath.

Luke 4:31-41; 6:6-11; 13:10-17 (Total of seven healings on the Sabbath; five in Luke's gospel and two in John's gospel)

Luke 14:2 And there, in front of Him (Woman in back Luke 13:11)

suffering from dropsy – *“a disease with fluid retention and swelling of the body.” Dropsy is a symptom of disease of the heart, liver, kidneys, or brain. The condition involves the accumulation of water fluid in the body cavities or in the limbs.*

Luke 14:3 And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers (*Scribes, copied manuscripts, became familiar thus became known as experts of the Law*) **Pharisees**, (They did not ask a question, but Jesus knew this was a set up!)

Jesus Asks A Question: "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"

Luke 13:14

Luke 14:4 But they kept silent. (If they said, "Yes!" they would violate their own rules, if they said "No!" They expose themselves as inhumane, with no compassion)

And He took hold of him, and healed him, literally *“completely healed”* and sent him away.

Luke 14:5

K.J.V. 5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day?

Jesus Asks A Question: “Which one of you will have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?”

Question: Should you treat an animal better than you would treat a human being? (Jesus asks this same question several times!)

Luke 14:6 And they could make no reply to this. (Would Not!) Jesus had exposed their hearts. (Sin had blinded their eyes to what God valued)

Luke 6:5 “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

Merciful: Do we care about others? Are people important?

2. Verses 7-11 Be Humble: (Guests)

Luke 14:7 And He began speaking a parable – *"means to cast alongside of, or place in one's face"* Parables were always in conjunction with teaching, get listeners attention.

to the invited guests when He noticed Jesus studied and observed men.

places of honor They were the positions next to the host.

Luke 11:43

Why would these guests choose the places of honor? Because they believed in their hearts that they truly deserved them! Merit Salvation

This is what the Bible calls "**the old self**" It is the sinful human nature that everyone of us is born with. **Romans 6:6**

Verses 8-10 How To Seat Yourself: Luke 14:8-9

Proverbs 25:6-7

Luke 14:10-11

God Is The Host Who Determines Who Is Honored: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, Psalm 75:7; James 4:6

and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility is a prized character trait by God. We are not worthy in ourselves, we merit nothing!
Proverbs 15:33

Mary in the Magnificent said of God: **Luke 1:52**

Luke 18:9-14; Philippians 2:19-22

This is a promise by God that He will humble us if we are proud, and it is also His proactive to exalt the humble. 1 Peter 5:5-6

Humility: How do you see yourself? As a sinner or is everyone else messed up?

3. Verses 12-14 Be Generous: (Host)

Luke 14:12 Who Not To Invite: Jesus was looking over the guest of this meal and He said, "**When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors,**

Is Jesus saying you can't invite friends out to dinner or fellowship with those you like? NO! do not invite literally *"do not always keep on inviting your friends"*

otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment.

All of these guests were invited, and it was going to result in them returning the invitation

Reciprocation – always wanting to help others that will then help us! Others that will benefit us!

Luke 14:13 invite those that are in need.

Matthew 5:46-48; Hebrews 13:1-3

Luke 14:14 There are blessings that money cannot buy. **1 Peter 4:9**

"You can't get your reward twice. You will get it either from men today or the Lord tomorrow"

for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." God is the one that issues the paychecks and will pay the way of those that can't afford it.

Resurrection – first time mentioned in Luke's gospel.

Generosity: Are we givers? Or takers? Giving so we can get back?

Application:

- 1.** Discipleship Means Being Merciful Knowing We Are Undeserving Of God's Mercy So We Are Generous To Less Fortunate.
- 2. Luke 14:11 "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."** This Is A Promise By God That He Will Humble Us If We Are Proud, And It Is Also His Proactive To Exalt The Humble.
- 3. Luke 14:12 "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors,** You Can't Get Your Reward Twice; You Will Get It Either From Men Today Or The Lord Tomorrow.