

Luke 14:1-11
Jesus and the Pharisee

Luke 14:1

It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely.

What was Jesus doing there?

Luke 14:2-6

And there in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy. **3** And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” **4** But they kept silent. And He took hold of him and healed him, and sent him away. **5** And He said to them, “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?” **6** And they could make no reply to this.

Why did Jesus ask the question?

Luke 14:7

And He *began* speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor *at the table...*

- *Selfishness always reduces the importance of others and enlarges the importance of one's own life.*

Luke 14:8-11

8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him, **9** and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give *your* place to this man,’ and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place. **10** But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you. **11** For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

(A parable of God’s work in salvation)

Luke 14:12-14

12 And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and *that* will be your repayment. **13** But when you give a reception, invite *the* poor, *the* crippled, *the* lame, *the* blind, **14** and you will be blessed, since they do not have *the means* to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”