

"SWALLOW YOUR PRIDE"

Luke 14:1-14 - Pastor Bruce French

What does humility lead to?

1. Humility leads to _____. Luke 14:7-11

Action...

- _____ yourself in humility before others.
1 Peter 5:5b

2. Humility leads to _____. Luke 14:12-14

Action...

- _____ of others' needs before yourself.
Philippians 2:4

Take Home Truth

Humility leads to receiving your _____.

Luke 14:14b

Inquiry: What do you want?

- To receive _____? 1 Peter 5:5c
- To be _____? 1 Peter 5:6
- To be at _____? 1 Peter 5:7a
- To be _____? 1 Peter 5:7b

Today's Core Virtue:

Humility: I choose to esteem others above myself.
(from Philippians 2:3-4)

Today's Action:

Begin to execute the actions on today's outline.



Deeper Connection Study

This meal scene is descriptive of what the Greeks called *symposia*, events with a person of wisdom sharing his knowledge with his audience. Of course, Jesus' Pharisee hearers do not always like what he says. Furthermore, they do not like what he does, especially when it is done on the Sabbath!

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Humility.

Read Luke 14:1-14

1. How does Jesus' question and subsequent miracle of healing (vv. 1-6) mirror the scene described in 13:10-17? How does he defend his actions?
2. Why do you think the religious leaders fail to acknowledge Jesus' authority and believe he is the Messiah?
3. What is Jesus addressing by giving a parable about a wedding feast (vv. 7-11)? How does he provide practical wisdom (cf. Prov. 25:6-7)? What relevance does it have for you?
4. How is verse 11 central to Jesus' kingdom ethic? How can you excel at living in this manner?
5. How does Jesus expand the call in verses 12-14 to serve those who cannot repay us? How is this a countercultural act as well as one of selflessness? How do you feel about it? What part do you play?
6. What does Jesus mention about a reward for acting with such humble and generous hospitality to the needy (v. 14)? How does this encourage you to live more boldly?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for the wisdom and humility of Christ. Pray for those in need and ask God to use you to be generous and hospitable to them. Pray for humility and kindness to be evident in your life.

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“I Don't Care for Religion”

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Though we are unique in many ways, there are things that every person has in common. For example, no matter what our background may be, or what culture we were raised in, all of us long to be appreciated and valued. It is a transcendent trait that encompasses all humans. Yet tragically, many people exist day after day without having that need met. Consequently there is a propensity to endeavor to gain attention in order to be noticed and have that longing fulfilled.

Luke recorded a scenario that depicted this endeavor that took place at a banquet that Jesus attended. When Jesus noticed the positioning the guest took to gain attention, he warned them about chasing after the accolades of their peers. He alluded in his articulation that at the root of this pursuit was a heart of pride. His conclusion was that we should intentionally humble ourselves because that is the posture where godly attention is found.

Though most believers are mindful of this axiom on humility, many are unaware of their own personal battle with pride. This ignorance results in wounded relationships, broken dreams and a ledger of regrets. What then can a person do to foster the virtue of humility? As always, Jesus has some sound advice for his disciples.

