

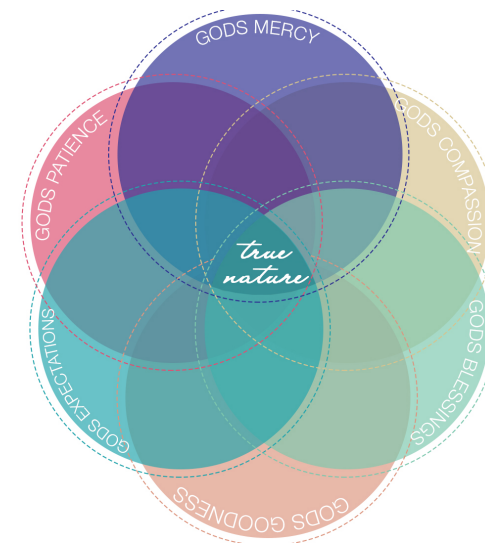
WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////



This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!)

We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your LIFEgroup. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!

1. Which of the four stories was most interesting to you? Why?
2. Do you think the Pharisees were concerned about Jesus' safety? Why or why not? What do you know about Herod? What have you learned about God's plans and man's plans?
3. What was the most interesting part of the healing story? How was Jesus clever?
4. Do people still scramble for the best seats today? If so, where do you see it? What was the lesson from this section that was most helpful?
5. What did you learn about giving?



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. Even though the parables of Jesus are mostly about _____, we really learn so _____ about God.
2. We pray, worship, learn, and generally do _____ better when we understand the _____ of _____.

I. THE WARNING

Luke 13:31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” 32 He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ 33 In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! 34 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

1. The Pharisees were typically _____ to Jesus and His ministry but some of them _____ Him of danger. (*It could be that they were just trying to get Jesus to _____ the area.*) Remember that this Herod was _____!
2. Jesus called Herod a _____, indicating that he was _____ and _____. Jesus declared that He would _____ doing what He had been doing.

3. Saying that He would continue _____ may have given the Pharisees an _____.! (The next story!)

4. Jesus expresses His _____ for the city of Jerusalem but then gives a _____ and a _____.

LESSON: Don't be _____ by wicked people but keep doing what you are _____ to do!

II. THE HEALING

Luke 14:1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. 2 There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. 3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" 4 But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. 5 Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" 6 And they had nothing to say.

Healings on Sabbath	Luke 13	Luke 14
Place		
Gender & Condition		
Initiated By		
Jesus . . .		
Religious		

1. The Pharisee's _____ for inviting Jesus was to _____ Him. (Jesus had caught the religious leaders off-guard by _____ the woman in the previous chapter.)

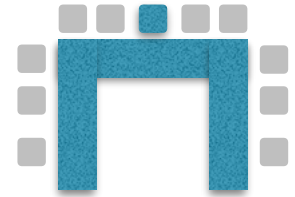
2. Jesus instead trapped them by _____ a question, and by doing a one-sentence _____. Their plan was _____.

LESSON: People often make _____ but God determines the _____. Trust Him.

III. THE SEATING

Luke 14:7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 "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. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



1. Jesus watched the _____ for the best seats and decided to _____ a lesson.

2. It is human _____ to think only of yourself and try to get the _____ seat.

3. Instead, take a _____ seat. This way you won't be asked to _____ to a lower seat and you might even be asked to move up to a more _____ place.

4. Of course, this parable is not really about a _____ but, about living in a way where we naturally seek to be _____ and to _____ others.

LESSON: Find ways to put _____ and you will be honored by God.

IV. THE GIVING

Luke 14:12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

1. Next, Jesus turned to the prominent Pharisee who had _____ this meal.

2. He indicated that many people serve meals to those who can _____ the _____. Instead, said Jesus, we should make every effort to invite people who can't _____ us.

3. God _____ a person who gives in this way!

LESSON: Give for the sake of _____ and for _____ others, not for the sake of receiving in return. And you will receive God's _____!