

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

Luke 14:15-24
Excuses

Luke 14:12-13

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. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Luke 14:15

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 14:16-25

Jesus replied,

“A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, “I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.”

Another said, “I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.”

Still another said, “I just got married, so I can’t come.”

The servant came back and reported this to his master.

Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, “Go out quickly into the streets and the alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.”

“Sir”, the servant said, “What you ordered has been done, but there is still room.”

Then the master told his servant, “Go out to the roads and the country lanes and compel them to come in so that my house will be full. I tell you not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.”

The Excuses

1. I just bought land and now I need to go see it.

2. I bought 5 yoke of oxen and now I need to go test them.

3. I just got married.

1. This is pointed
towards the
Pharisee's and
Jewish people's
rejection of Jesus.

**2. This is also meant
to be personal.**

Proverbs 16:2

All persons ways
seem pure to them,
but motives are
weighed by the Lord.

**1. To get out of
Trouble**

**The Blame Game/
Adam and Eve**

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and
righteous to forgive us
our sins and to cleanse
us from all
unrighteousness.

2. To deny a problem.

Aaron and the Golden
Calf

Proverbs 30:12

There is a kind who is
pure in his own eyes, yet
is not washed from his
own filthiness.

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no
sin, we are deciding
ourselves and the truth is
not in us.

**3. To get out of or avoid
responsibility.**

Moses

**a. I am not able. I don't have the
talent.**

b. They won't believe me.

c. I'm not a good speaker.

D. Someone else can do it.

4. To keep from doing
what we don't want
to do.

Luke 14

~Challenge~

**Where is it in our lives that
we are making excuses?**

**Where is it keeping us
back from God?**

