

A Place Among the Great

Luke 14:7-11 and selections from Proverbs 25 & 26

Icebreaker: Solomon wrote, “Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not you own lips” (Proverbs 27:2). Have you ever wanted to tell someone about your accomplishments? How do you feel when others tell you about their accomplishments?



Luke 14: 7 - 11

What warnings do you find in this passage?

What prompted Jesus to give these instructions? What underlying human trait is revealed here?

How was Jesus an example of humility?

Proverbs 25

How do these verses point to the lesson of Jesus' parable?

Imagine that you have a gift that other people have not recognized? Pitch on a softball team, sing a solo, lead a bible study. How do you think the Lord would have you apply the passages you just read?

Thinking too highly of ourselves can sometimes hurt other people. How could this be the case in these verses?

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Luke 14:7-11

7When 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. 9If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10But 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 your fellow guests. 11For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Proverbs 25:

1 These are more proverbs of Solomon, copied by the men of Hezekiah king of Judah:

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;
to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

3 As the heavens are high and the earth is deep,
so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.

4 Remove the dross from the silver,
and out comes material for ^[a] the silversmith;

5 remove the wicked from the king's presence,
and his throne will be established through
righteousness.

6 Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among great men;

7 it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before a
nobleman.

What you have seen with your eyes

8 do not bring ^[b] hastily to court,
for what will you do in the end
if your neighbor puts you to shame?

9 If you argue your case with a neighbor,
do not betray another man's confidence,

10 or he who hears it may shame you
and you will never lose your bad reputation.

11 A word aptly spoken
is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

12 Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine
gold
is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.

13 Like the coolness of snow at harvest time
is a trustworthy messenger to those who send
him;

he refreshes the spirit of his masters.

14 Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of gifts he does not give.

15 Through patience a ruler can be persuaded,
and a gentle tongue can break a bone.

16 If you find honey, eat just enough—
too much of it, and you will vomit.

17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's
house—

too much of you, and he will hate you.

18 Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow
is the man who gives false testimony
against his neighbor.

19 Like a bad tooth or a lame foot
is reliance on the unfaithful in times of
trouble.

20 Like one who takes away a garment on
a cold day,

or like vinegar poured on soda,
is one who sings songs to a heavy
heart.

21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food
to eat;

if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.

22 In doing this, you will heap burning
coals on his head,

and the LORD will reward you.

23 As a north wind brings rain,
so a sly tongue brings angry looks.

24 Better to live on a corner of the roof
than share a house with a quarrelsome
wife.

25 Like cold water to a weary soul
is good news from a distant land.

26 Like a muddied spring or a polluted
well

is a righteous man who gives way to
the wicked.

27 It is not good to eat too much honey,
nor is it honorable to seek one's own
honor.

28 Like a city whose walls are broken
down

is a man who lacks self-control.