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## **Jesus at the Pharisee's House**

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**Luke 14: 7-14** <sup>7</sup>When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, He told them a parable: <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited to a wedding banquet, do not sit in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited. <sup>9</sup>Then the host who invited both of you will come and tell you, ‘Give this man your seat.’ And in humiliation, you will have to take the last place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the last place, so that your host will come and tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in front of everyone at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup>Then Jesus said to the man who had invited Him, “When you host a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or brothers or relatives or rich neighbors. Otherwise, they may invite you in return, and you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you host a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed. Since they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”  
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- I. What does scripture say?
  - A. Jesus was an observer of behavior. He noticed guests choosing the places of **honor** at a table.
  - B. Jesus also had observed people who were **humiliated** in the past.
  - C. Those humiliated were guided to the least **important** place.
  - D. Jesus observed the opposite as well when the host offered a **better** place to one who chose to take a lower place.
- II. Comparative Analysis
  - A. For everyone who **exalts** himself will be humbled and he who **humbles** himself will be exalted.
- III. How are we to react to this scripture?
  - A. Be an observer of people and their **behavior**.
  - B. Allow others to **honor** you rather than yourself.
  - C. Be prepared for humiliation when you try too hard to highlight your own **good deeds** before others.
  - D. When you are **focused** on elevating yourself, you are unable to **see** those who are poor and hurting as people who need your help.
  - E. As your focus is closer to that of a **servant**, you become more **aware** of those who are in need.

F. **Jesus** has prepared a place of honor for those who humble themselves as a servant here on earth.