

**“Table Talk”**  
**Luke 14:1-14**  
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## **I. Introduction**

- A. As we come to Luke 14, there are three elements that make for a very exciting text.
  - 1. Jesus was invited to eat at the home of a Pharisee
  - 2. The invitation was on the Sabbath Day
  - 3. There was a man who was sick at the meal
    - a) It was a setup. “They watched him” (vv.1-2)
- B. Jesus used this opportunity to teach some important lessons
  - 1. The danger of religiosity
  - 2. The need for true humility
  - 3. To live for eternity

## **II. The Danger of Religiosity (Luke 14:1-6)**

- A. “They watched Jesus” (v.1)
  - 1. Illustration- Living epistles
  - 2. “Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men” (2 Corinthians 3:2).
  - 3. Illustration- (Daniel 6)

## **III. The Need for True Humility (Luke 14:7-11)**

- A. Self-promotion
  - 1. They valued their reputation over character
  - 2. What is most important to you?
  - 3. “They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues” (Matthew 23:6).
  - 4. Good looks not as man looks
- B. Self-exaltation always leads to shame (vv.8-9)
  - 1. If you don’t begin with humility, you will end with humiliation
    - a) (Proverbs 16:18)
- C. Humility is the queen of all the Christian graces
  - 1. “The mind of Christ” (Philippians 2)
  - 2. John the Baptist
  - 3. We, in our Christian service (in the church)
    - a) Let God promote you
    - b) “For promotion cometh not...” (Psalm 75:6-7)
    - c) “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6).

## **IV. To Live for Eternity (Luke 14:12-14)**

- A. There will be a resurrection (v.14)
- B. There will be rewards (v.14)

1. “Bema seat” (2 Corinthians 3)
2. Illustration- The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector  
a) (Luke 18)