**Everyday Stories of Jesus – Lk. 14:11**

**Focal Truth: Humility is honored by God – Pride is resisted by God**

Jesus is invited to a Sabbath meal with a group of Pharisee leaders

Jesus watches the leaders seeking to get the most important places at the table for the meal

**Jesus tells the story of honor or disgrace**

**Jesus teaches the rule of honor & disgrace – 14:11**

***Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted***

**Observations**

1. **Everyone who seeks to be first is a self – promoter – 14:8**

*When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him…*

1. The qualities of self – promotion – Lk. 11:39 -44 Pharisee hypocrisy &self promotion

Self - promotion is pride - filled

Self – promotion is hypocritical

Self – promotion hides & keeps secrets

Self – promotion disobeys God’s word

Self – promotion seeks man’s respect & honor

Self – promotion avoids the humble

1. Self – promotion is the way of the world & Satan

Luke 22:25 – *the kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors…*

Self – promoters do what they have to do to others in order to be first

Self – promoters control others in order to be first

Self – promoters manipulate situations in order to be first

Pr. 16:18 – *pride goes before destruction, & a haughty spirit before stumbling*

Pr. 21:24 – *proud, haughty, scoffer are his names, who acts with insolent pride*

1. **Every self – promoter will be humiliated – 14:9**

*And he who invited you both will come and say to you, give your place to this man, and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place.*

1. The humiliation of the self – promoter: Nebuchadnezzar– Dan. 4:30 -33

*The king reflected and said, is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?*

*While the word was in his mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, King Neb. to you it is declared, sovereignty has been removed from you, you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind & bestows it on whomever He wishes*

1. The humiliation of the Lucifer – the devil – Isa. 14:12 – 15

*How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven, I will raise my throne above the starts of God, and I will sit on the mount of the assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend to the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High*

Pr. 11:2 – *when pride comes, then comes shame*

Pr. 29:23 – *a man’s pride will bring him low…*

**Is. 2:12 – *the Lord of Hosts will have a day of reckoning for everyone proud & lofty***

***Against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be abased***

1. **Everyone who humbles himself will be honored – 14:10**

*When you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, friend, move up higher; then you will have honor in the sight of all who at the table with you*

1. The Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself to save the world

Phil 2:8 – 9 - *He was found in the appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name*

He lived in submission to his parents

He obeyed the law of God perfectly

He submitted to the will of God the Father

He willingly, freely died on the cross for sinners

1. The qualities of humbling yourself – 1 Pet 5: 5-6

We humble ourself when we confess our sinfulness & pride

We humble ourself when we consider others as more important than ourselves

We humble ourself when we do good to others as we would do to ourselves

We humble ourself when we live in the loving fear of God

We humble ourself when we seek first the Lordship of Christ

*Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time…*

**Things to remember & do**

1. **Everyone is a self – promoter – everyone is a sinner**
2. **The proud self – promoter will not escape humiliation**
3. **The humble live is self – humiliation – Lk. 9:23**

*If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.*

1. **God honors the humble – James 4:6**

*He gives grace to the humble*

***Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted***

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**