

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

10 But when you are invited, take the low 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 the other guests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." REDACTED

12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, 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.

13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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."

16 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come."

2 It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3 So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. 4 Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be

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uprooted and planted in the sea, and it will obey you."

7 "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'?"

9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy[b] met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"



**Jesus also told a story
about a party that was
centered around who
he DIDN'T invite**

12 He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

1. friends

2. brothers

3. relatives

4. rich neighbors

In such a society, not inviting the right person, or inviting the wrong person, could have disastrous, even fatal, consequences.

Thus, for example, one who invited the townsfolk but not the king to a town banquet merited much severer punishment than one who invited neither.

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See everything, specifically, a party, as a place to give away instead of to get back.

American mindset : what can i get
Jesus mindset : what can i give





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God wants us to take something that symbolizes getting and change it to something that symbolizes giving.

God wants us to take something that symbolizes showing and change it to something that symbolizes sharing.

We don't have to wonder who is invited to Jesus' party. It's us.

This is why Jesus said blessed are the poor in spirit, because they recognize a good invitation when they see one.