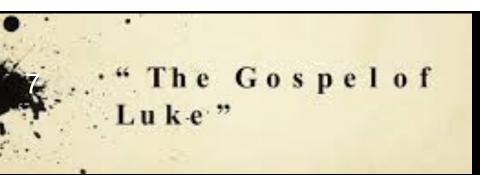
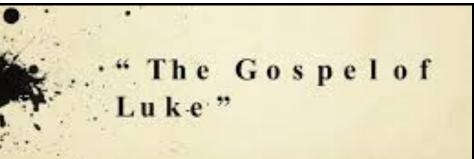


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### "If you once love Him, you will study to please Him."

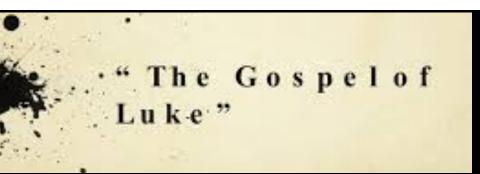


One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. <sup>2</sup> There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. <sup>3</sup> Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" 4 But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.5 Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" <sup>6</sup> And they had nothing to say.

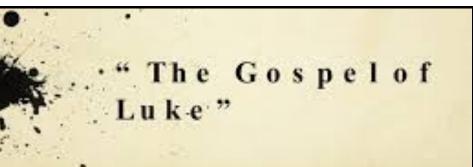


<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told

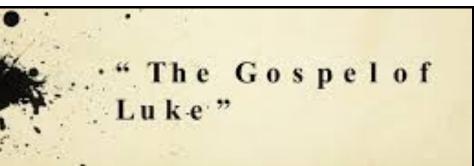
them this parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But 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. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."



<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



<sup>15</sup> When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man 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. <sup>17</sup> At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' 19 Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'



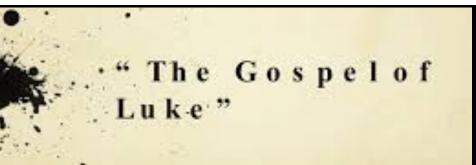
<sup>20</sup> Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' 21 The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 22 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' 23 Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet."

"When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors." Luke 14:12

"You must hate your father and mother if you want to be my disciple."

Luke 14:26

"When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors." Luke 14:12



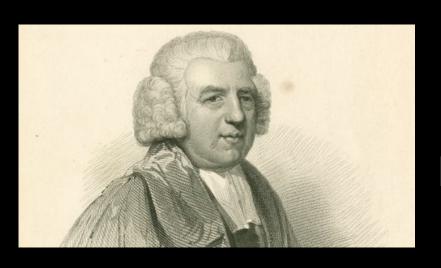
As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup> All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21:1,2



"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action.

-Dallas Willard, 1935-2013

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I know Jesus doesn't mean it literally, that you don't ever see your friends, but no matter how I read it, it means I should be giving away a lot more than I am."

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"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 14:11

# JAMES 4:10, "HUMBLE YOURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD, AND HE WILL LIFT YOU UP.



"HUMBLE YOURSELVES,
THEREFORE, UNDER GOD'S
MIGHTY HAND, THAT HE MAY
LIFT YOU UP IN DUE TIME."
1 PETER 5:6



... The Gospelof Luke"

do not invite your friends... rather invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed"

Luke 14:13

"Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14:14



"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Luke 14:14

YOU WHO HAVE LEFT YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR FIELDS, OR YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, OR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER, OR EVEN YOUR CHILDREN IN ORDER TO FOLLOW ME, AT THAT TIME WHEN ALL IS RENEWED, YOU WILL RECEIVE SO MUCH MORE: YOU WILL RECEIVE 100 TIMES WHAT YOU GAVE UP. YOU WILL INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE. MATTHEW 19:29



You will eat in the kingdom of God. You will love. You will hug. You will be hugged in the kingdom of God. You will sing. You'll dance. Your feet will touch the ground. You'll have feet.

Pastor Tim Keller



You'll eat and you'll sing and you'll love in realms of power and glory and satisfaction that you cannot now imagine. We will walk in the kingdom of God. We will not float over the kingdom of God. We will march in the kingdom of God. We will eat and drink with the Son of Man."

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"I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet." Luke 14:24

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Luke 13:34