



Hospitality Without Heart

Lesson 8 • Luke 14:1-14

Why would the Pharisees want another Sabbath lunch with Jesus? Luke 11:53-54

Why would Jesus agree to be hosted by hypocrites again? Luke 19:10; 7:34; 12:1

Jesus is not declaring woes on hypocrites but *warning* His disciples to not be like them:
*Don't offer hospitality **WITHOUT** heart like the hypocrites!*

What Is the Big Idea of Luke 14:1-14?

Hospitality with heart **SERVES** God and others with compassionate sensitivity, sacrificial humility, and generous inclusivity.

Structured Around Hospitality

Why show hospitality? (1-6) **Where** to sit? (7-11) **Who** to invite? (12-14) **Who** will come and dine? (15-24)

Hospitality Without Heart

1. Beware Having No Heart to **HELP** Others in Need of Healing. (1-6)

➤ **The Man's PHYSICAL Condition** (v. 2)

Dropsy is "not a disease in itself, but the symptom of a disease of the heart, kidneys, or liver which causes water to collect in the limbs, on the surface of the body, or in the abdomen. This condition indicates that the [underlying] disease is in an advanced stage, and the condition can be cured only if the disease itself is curable." [ISBE Revised Edition]

➤ **The Pharisee's HEARTLESS Deception** (vv. 1-2)

➤ **Jesus' LEGAL Question** (vv. 3-4a)

"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"

➤ **Jesus' HEALING Action** (v. 4b)

➤ **Jesus' PERSONAL Question** (vv. 5-6)

Heart Searching Application: *Are you hurting today? Are you facing a debilitating or deadly disease?*

Hospitality with Heart Shows Compassion to Others with Sensitivity.

Act with compassionate sensitivity before God and toward others in need of gospel hope.

2. Beware Having No Heart for **HUMBLING** Yourself to Serve Others. (7-11)

➤ **Where Not to Seat Yourself and Why** (vv. 8-9)

1. Don't proudly **EXALT** yourself over others as "*better than.*" (v. 8)

2. Why Not? The Host will make you take the walk of **SHAME!** (v. 9)

➤ **Where to Seat Yourself and Why** (vv. 10-11)

1. Follow the Jesus way of **HUMBLING** yourself as “no better” than others. (v. 10)

*In their culture the **most honored guest** would often be **seated last!***

2. Why? Kingdom **REVERSALS** are coming! (v. 11)

Hospitality with Heart Serves Others with Humility.

Act with sacrificial humility before God and toward others to receive gospel grace.

Heart Searching Application: *Every day we have opportunities to show sacrificial humility to others.*

3. Beware Having No Heart to Show Generous HOSPITALITY to Those Who Are “Less Than.”

➤ **Who Not to Invite and Why** (v. 12)

1. Those who are **LIKE** you and will **RETURN** the favor. (v. 12b)

“your friends”

“your family”

“your relatives”

“rich neighbors”

2. Why Not? If you only give to get back, then that’s all you will ever **GET!** (v. 12c)

➤ **Who to Invite and Why** (vv. 13-14)

1. Be Inclusive: **CALL** all those in great need and can’t return the favor! (v. 13)

“poor-like” people

“cripple-like” people

“lame-like” people

“blind-like” people

Pictures Us in our Sinful Condition

“spiritually poor”

“spiritually cripple”

“spiritually lame”

“spiritually blind”

This Is the Gospel Call to All!

*The means of salvation is **exclusive** but the message is **inclusive** for all people.*

2. Why Invite Them? God will richly bless you in the **RESURRECTION** of the righteous! (v. 14)

Hospitality with Heart Shares Generously with Inclusivity.

Act with generous inclusivity before God and toward others to receive kingdom reward.

Hospitality with Heart

Requires Jesus’ Resurrection Power for Resurrection Rewards at His Kingdom Reversal!

“You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:48-49

Be empowered to act with compassionate sensitivity to others in need.

Be enabled to act with sacrificial humility toward others.

Be encouraged to act with generous inclusivity to others who seem “less than” but really aren’t.