



## WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR LIFE IS HAPPENING "Know Your Place" Luke 14:1-24

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### I. A Confrontation. vv. 1-6

- A. The set up—dropsy sufferer.
- B. The Catch-22—to heal or not to heal.
- C. The challenge—is it lawful?
- D. The healing.
- E. The exposure—if it were your son or ox?

### II. An Observation. vv. 7-11

- A. Invitation to the banquet.
- B. The push for prestige.
- C. The possibilities for embarrassment.
- D. The place of humility.

### III. An Instruction. vv. 12-14

- A. The practice of generosity.
- B. The resurrection of the righteous. See Luke 20:34-36; John 5:28-29

### IV. An Exclamation. v. 15

- A. Recognition of the kingdom.
- B. Appreciation of the blessing.

### V. An Illustration. vv. 16-24

- A. Preparation completed.
- B. Invitation extended.
- C. Rationalization offered.
- D. Ramification explained.

### VI. An Application.

"The way to up is down; the way to down is up."

- A. The problem of self-exaltation.
  - 1. Not self-love.
  - 2. Not self-preservation.
  - 3. But self-deification.
    - a. Using people for selfish ends. vv. 5, 7
    - b. Putting self interest before divine invitation. vv. 18, 20
- B. The cure for self-exaltation.
  - 1. A servant spirit. v. 13
  - 2. A humble response. v. 21
- C. The tragedy of self-exaltation.
  - 1. It isolates from people.
  - 2. It separates from God.

**Points to ponder:** Is my view of myself biblical or dysfunctional? Do I expect to be exalted or humbled eventually?