

## God's Calling Requirements Part 7 The Parable of the Great Supper

***“15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 14:15 KJV)***

While Jesus was invited to a banquet in one of the Pharisees home He gave certain teaching about humility and how to humble down by taking the seat of least prominent when someone had invited you, ***“7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them. 8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; 9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. 10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. 11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” (Luke 14:7-11 KJV)*** So here the message of God to you is teaching you to be humble and not to run after worldly things; running after prestige, position, fame, and places of honor.

Jesus on that meeting gave them further teaching about whom to invite and whom not to invite when you give a banquet, ***“12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” (Luke 14:12-14 KJV)***

With the above Word of God Jesus was pointing to two types of invitations, and as the following:-

**A. Worldly invitations:** The focus is on self and how pompous one is in order to receive the honor and the approval of men. Here Jesus recommended not to invite friends, brothers, relatives or rich neighbors because we would honor them and spend on them so that later on they would spend on us and honor us. ***“12 Call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.” (Luke 14:12 KJV)*** In such practices, the focus is self-glorification and not about God and His Word and His commands. Also, we won't be able to be good stewards if we use our time, food, and money on rich people who do not need us to treat them, neither do we need them to treat us. But we need to be on the move to share with those, who are in need and critical situations, what God had given to us. ***“9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9 KJV)***

**A. God's Kingdom invitation:** Jesus is not speaking about hosting get together and inviting others. What Jesus is talking about in His Scripture is that when He blesses us, we need to bless others. But who will we bless and how? The focus is to invite people to God's Kingdom spending from our resources in order to bring them to God and teach them to do His will.

***“13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” (Luke 14:13-14 KJV)*** \* Therefore Jesus recommends that if we have resources and want to host a banquet, then we ought to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And of course the crippled, the lame, and the blind will not be able to come to us, so if we want to invite them, then we need to go to them. And when we go to them we need to share with them not only the material things that God has blessed us with but above all the Word of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ that brings salvation and gives eternal life to the people. \* The real banquet that no one should miss is the banquet in Heaven that we would have with Jesus when He will come and take us with Him to Heaven to spend eternity with Him. ***“And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.” (Revelation 19:9 KJV)***

When Jesus addresses the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, He is speaking about people who are in distress and facing crisis in the form of chronic sicknesses, joblessness, disabilities due to infirmities, and so on. We need to help such people. These people are not in the position to give. We need to give them in order to bring them out of the state of emergency in their lives. We need to offer them relief and then after their recovery, they need to be rehabilitated to manage life. Finally, we need to train them and equip them to be fruitful and productive.

Therefore when Jesus was speaking about the banquet in the house of the Pharisee one of those who were attending grasped the message of the Lord and His purpose; that we should humble down to God and live in style and attitude that God recommends to us and that we should work it out with Him that finally we should have our place in the banquet in Heaven that the Lord had prepared when He comes to take us. Therefore that what the man said, ***“15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 14:15 KJV)*** Jesus agreed upon the statement and gave the parable of the great supper:

***“16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: 17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.” (Luke 14:16-24 KJV)*** The following we can conclude from this parable:

**1. God had prepared great things for you:** ***“16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many.” (Luke 14:16 KJV)*** God had sent His son the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins and rose from death to give us eternal. And we who believe on Jesus and follow Him, He had prepared a place for us in Heaven and He will come and take

us there to be with Him and forever. Therefore when God is inviting us He is inviting us to take share in all these wonderful and everlasting blessings.

**2. Don't be afraid to Obey God:** *"17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready." (Luke 14:17 KJV)* The master of the house when He sent His servant to invite the people He sent him with this message, *"Come; for all things are now ready."* God had prepared everything for you to enjoy life and to enjoy it to the full. What is left for you to do is only to obey Him in order for you to receive and enjoy all what He prepared for you, *"9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV)*

**3. Don't miss the invitation:** *"18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." (Luke 14:18-20 KJV)* There are many things that might you are busy with and that taking you away from God's will and His service; they can be fields, oxen, marriage, family life, business, making money, cars, and the rest of the worldly and attractive things. But in them there is no Kingdom of God and with such worldly things you can't be in the banquet that Jesus had prepared for us in Heaven. We can classify those things that people excused themselves from the invitation, and they can be under three categories. *First*, real estates, *"I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused."* Many they aim to achieve this, that they will have their own land and house. That is something good, but when you cannot do that and put yourself into loans and debts and got busy to work and pay that, and move away from your commitment toward God then you are excusing yourself. Indeed you don't need to do that putting yourself into troubles. *Second*, businesses, *"I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused."* Many they put themselves in businesses and they cannot manage after. They get loans or they spent their capital in businesses which are not in their field nor called by God to do them, but just to have more income, while they have enough and all their needs are met. *If you are in a same situation, then you are moving away from God and from serving Him and you are excusing yourself.* *Third*, marriages, *"And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."* Marriage can bring you either to Heaven or to hell. Unlawful marriages, marrying a non believer, divorce or separation with second marriage, marrying what you want and not what God had prepared for you, or marrying in wrong timing and you are not prepared; all such can makes you moving away from God and not able to respond to His call and invitation. All those who were invited in the three categories and failed to respond because they were not willing to give up their worldly plans this what they will get, *"24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." (Luke 14:24 KJV)*

**4. Be willing to be sent to invite others:** *"17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready." (Luke 14:17 KJV)* As you received the invitation and got blessed with the Lord, now it is the time for you to go and to invite others to come into the Kingdom of God.

**5. Be clear minded and don't be enticed with what others are doing:** The servant whom the man sent was not enticed to follow the bad example of others who left God's invitation and got

busy with worldly things. \* When you go to evangelize do not do what the people do and lose your place in Heaven and what God had prepared for you. \* Certain times God may send you to rich people and to those who are enjoying the worldly things, therefore you need to be on your guard and do not be enticed with what they have from material things and with the worldly pleasures that they are enjoying.

**6. Do not be discourage when people do not respond:** The servant that the master of the house had sent was not discouraged by the negative response of those people who were invited and excused themselves. He went and reported to his master what had happened. His master told him to go out to the street and to the lanes of the city to bring the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind, *"21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." (Luke 14:21 KJV)* You need to report faithfully all what you are passing through in your service to God so that you will be informed of what you need to do next.

**7. Know and do your responsibility well, focus on the task and be of the same mind of God and His Christ:** That servant was never discouraged, for he did what supposed to be done even before he was asked, *"22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room." (Luke 14:22 KJV)* He went further and invited the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. \* God called you to do the same and to accomplish what you ought to do in spite of all what is taking place from events around you. You need to focus on the task and be of the same mind of God and His Christ. \* You too do the same, what God's Word is telling and what you know about God's will then you do it without the need of someone to remind you.

**8. Continue to invite people to God's banquet:** There are certain people who had already adopted defensive mechanism to avoid God's call. Such people you should leave them to God to discipline them and correct them. But you go further, and go out quickly as the master of this man said, *"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."* Jesus is coming soon and we need not to waste time in reaching the lost souls and save those who are ready to believe and willing to obey.

**9. Be willing to go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that God's house will be full:** *"23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23 KJV)* God is calling you not to give up but to go further, use the high ways to reach quickly new and far areas, cities and people with the gospels of Jesus Christ.

**10. Be willing to serve God even if you are alone:** In the parable that we read there was one servant who was doing all the above and great things for his master. He was diligent, faithful, compassionate and committed to the task. God expect from you the same, even you are one or even alone, you can do much for Him as He is with you. Commit your life and your ways to God and be willing to serve Him.

**My dear and beloved:** God's Word gives us wisdom and understanding, and directing us to serve God's purpose with awareness that we should not give up; continually preaching, making

disciples, admonishing, correcting and warning against sin, and preparing them and preparing ourselves for the second coming of Christ.

God is calling you today to know your priority and what you need to do. God is calling you to come out from worldliness and from all kinds of sins and doing your own will and plan, and to live in holiness a life pleasant to God. Therefore commit yourself to His mission and purpose and to the principles that you had learned in His Word.

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I understood well your Word, and thank you for your teaching that makes me understand what is going on around me. Lord thank you for all what you provided for me from resources in order to serve you and to make my life more fruitful. Lord thank you for all the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments we received in this message.*

*Confess and renounce now all your sins. Confess your worldliness, and your love for material things. Repent of your worldly celebrations and parties with friends, brothers, relatives, neighbors and rich people. Repent of your lack of care and concern for the poor, the sick, the crippled and those who are in trouble. Confess and renounce your involvements in businesses God does not ordain for you to go through them. Confess and renounce your wrong choice of marriage. Confess and renounce your pride and your love for position, titles, power and fame. Confess and renounce your discouragement and your lack of faith in God. Confess your non willingness to go to the poor, the sick, the disabled and those who are in trouble and give them the gospel and to aid them in what they need. Confess and renounce your non willingness to suffer for Christ and to serve God in the way that He wants you to serve. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, friends, Media, News and games. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord I commit myself to go on and not get discouraged with the negative response of the people to your invitation. Lord I commit myself to the mission and the purpose that you are calling me to be part with. Lord give me the strength and the boldness to continue to speak and preach your Word. Lord protect me from all kinds of discouragements and from persecution. Lord here am I send me out and let me go out to the streets and lanes of the city. Lord help me, sustains me with resources and provides all my needs to continue to live my life for you and to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*

*Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and who had committed their lives to serve you. Lord bless them, provide for them and protect them from discouragement and from worldliness, the love for material things and all kinds of temptations. We come against all the work of the devil in their lives and we cast it out, in the name of Jesus. Lord give them perseverance to continue to serve you and not to give up. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the spiritual gifts that they need in their lives to serve you. Lord make their lives good testimony to others to know you and follow you.*

*Lord bless us as a church, protect us and provide all our needs. Lord, increase our faith and our trust in you. Lord enable us to evangelize and to reach new people and nations, new cities and new countries with the gospel of Jesus. Lord enables us to start new Bible studies and to plant new congregation for the church. Lord take this message and spread it. Lord we pray for*

*more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to take us when you come. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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