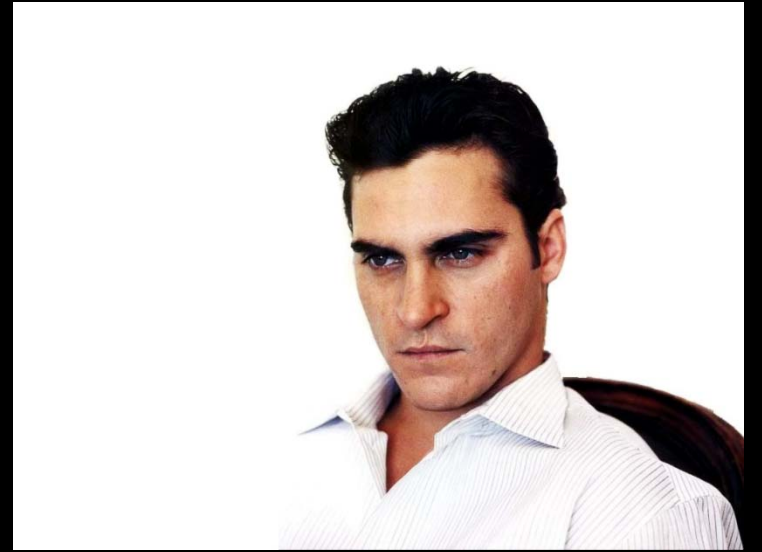


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The Host with
The Most
Luke 14:1-24

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Attention Grabbers

- The world works diligently to get **NOTICED**.
Jesus wants his followers to think **OPPOSITE**.
- Jesus calls his followers to take the seat of **HUMILITY** when **INVITED** while
allowing others **ACCESS** to **HONOR**.

Do nothing out of selfish
ambition or vain conceit,
but in humility consider
others better than
yourselves.

Philippians 2:3 (NIV)



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Hospitality

- Characteristic of Elders
- Characteristic of God
- Characteristic of Christians?

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Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, **hospitable**, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. **1 Tim. 3:2-7**



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God's
Hospitality

Religion that God our
Father accepts as pure and
faultless is this: to look
after orphans and widows
in their distress
James 1:27 (NIV)

- When you are **HOSTING**, remember to include those who are **HURTING**.
 - *In both cases, GOD will NOTICE.*
(Showing humility & extending hospitality)
 - I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

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Back to the Banquet

- In the story of the banquet, **GOD** wants to throw a party for people...people who want to be **NOTICED**.
 - *These are the same people fighting for the seats of **HONOR**.*
 - *However, because it's not based on their **TIMING** and their **CONVENIENCE**, they make excuses not to show.*

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God will make sure His table is **OCCUPIED**.
The question is, "Do we want our
RESERVATION?"

NO SHOWS

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Answering
the Invitation

- We often **WANT** something being **OFFERED** but **RATIONALIZE** reasons why we can't take advantage.
– *It's not **CAN'T** but **WON'T**.*

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MAKE opportunity and **TAKE**
opportunity for others first
and then for yourself.

WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

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