



WHEN THE WORLD GETS IN THE WAY
WORLDLY AMBITION & GODLY VIRTUE
LUKE 14:7-11

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1. Rethink _____ (vv.7-9)

Luke 14:7 Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, **8** “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, **9** and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. **10** But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. **11** For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (ESV)

2. See _____ (vv.10-11)

3. _____ (v.11)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Ecclesiastes 7:20**; **Romans 3:23** and **Mark 2:17**. How do the first two verses help you understand the third verse? How does the way Christ described his ministry in Mark 2:17 (in light of 2:16) help you see his priorities in how he chose to whom he would preach, and how can that help you prioritize your evangelism (and correct the common misuse of 2:16)? Who should be moved up on your list to invest in evangelistically?
2. Read **1 John 1:8-10**. What are some of the reasons people prefer to think they are not sinners?
3. Read **1 Peter 5:5-6**. Why is it impossible to authentically practice v.5 when you are not working on the command of v.6? Describe what it might look like to be making progress in practicing both this week?
4. Read **Philippians 2:1-5**. What practical goals can you draw up from these verses, as you seek to express true humility toward others?
5. Read **1 Timothy 1:12-17**. How do you think having this mindset of the Apostle Paul would improve the nature and quality of your service in the church?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

September 4th

Prov.5-6 & 1Cor.14:1-20

September 5th

Prov.7-8 & 1Cor.14:21-40

September 6th

Prov.9-10 & 1Cor.15:1-32

September 7th

Prov.11-12 & 1Cor.15:33-58

September 8th

Prov.13-14 & 1Cor.16

September 9th

Prov.15-16 & 2Cor.1

September 10th

Prov.17-18 & 2Cor.2

September 11th

Prov.19-20 & 2Cor.3

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

- Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
- Msg. 12-34 – **Mary: God's Humble Teenager**
- Msg. 11-03 – **Sold-Out Servants: Serving without Pride**
- Msg. 13-13 – **Managing Your Ambitions**
- Msg. 08-35 – **Learning to Hate Hypocrisy**
- Msg. 09-20 – **Celebrating Unearned Forgiveness**
- Msg. 09-07 – **Scripture's Overarching Theme of Grace**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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- Plantinga, Cornelius. **Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin**. Eerdmans Publishing, 1995.
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- Stowell, Joseph. **Perilous Pursuits: Our Obsession with Significance**. Moody Press, 1994.
- Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Thomas Nelson, 1990.
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