

Castaways from the Kingdom

Luke 14:1-24

- 1) *Those who neglect grace for legalism* (14:1-6; cf. 6:6-11; 13:10-17)
 - a) Turning man-made rules into divine imperatives
 - b) Adding to divine imperatives for man-made satisfaction
 - c) Ignoring divine imperatives to rely on grace
- 2) *Those striving to be somebody in this life, to be noticed* (14:7-11)
 - a) Jockeying for higher positions, fame, money, etc.
 - b) Exalting themselves, talking but never listening
 - c) Evaluating how smart they are compared to everyone else
 - d) Caring only about what others think, not God
- 3) *Those who shun the indigent, caring only for those who help advance their status* (14:12-14)
 - a) Living by a social quid pro quo
 - b) Feigning humility with all arrogance
 - c) Caring only for how this life can reward them
- 4) *Those who, upon being invited into God's kingdom, delay or choose another* (14:15-24)
 - a) Preferring pleasure in the here & now over eternity in the Kingdom
 - b) Ranking business ventures as more important than the Kingdom
 - c) Prioritizing family matters over the Kingdom
- 5) Application questions
 - a) Are you legalistic, having your own list of rules you foist on everyone else?
 - b) Trying to make a name for yourself or God?
 - c) Are you hospitable or generous? With who and why?
 - d) Why do you delay to answer God's offer of salvation?