



following JESUS
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

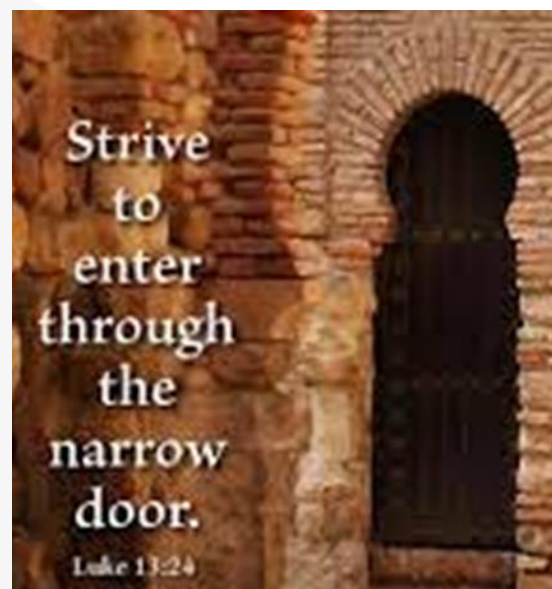
Beware of missing the
blessings of God

Luke 14:15-24

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Parable of the Great Banquet



Jesus said “when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (Luke 14:13-14)

Parable of the Great Banquet

The parable of the great banquet (Luke 14:15-24)

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, 'Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

¹⁶ Jesus replied: 'A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, "Come, for everything is now ready."

18 'But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, "I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me."

19 'Another said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me."

20 'Still another said, "I have just got married, so I can't come."

²¹ ‘The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, “Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.”

²² ““Sir,” the servant said, “what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.”

²³ ‘Then the master told his servant, “Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.”’

Appreciating & Applying the Parable

- Common factor in the excuses?

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➤ The banquet is open to all

Jesus said, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If **anyone** hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”
(Rev. 3:20)



Appreciating & Applying the Parable

- The warning in Luke 14:24



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taste of my banquet."*

Beware of Missing the Blessings of God

- Misdirected priorities

The big rocks of life must have eternal value.

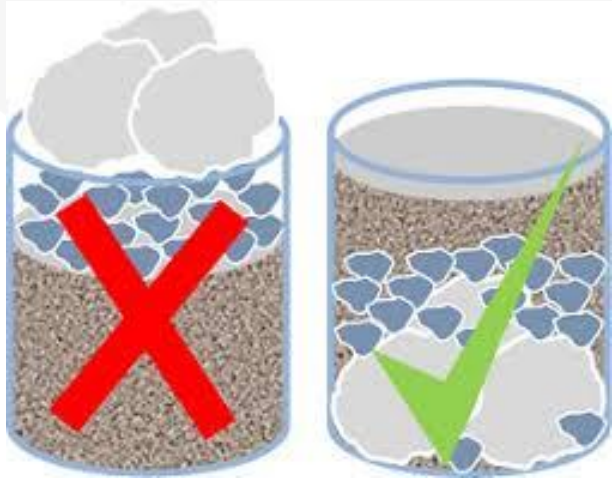


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➤ Misused time



If time is a jar, put the big rocks in first



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misdirected priorities

+ misused time

= missed blessings