

Lessons from the parables:
Attitudes!

Luke 12:13-21, "... And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

“The barren fig tree”

Luke 13:1-9, “... Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?'

The invitation to the Wedding feast!

Luke 14:1-14, “... So He told a **parable** to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: When you are invited by anyone **to a wedding feast**, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him...”

The blessing of God's
Kingdom:

1John 3:1-3, "... Behold what manner
of love the Father has bestowed on
us, that we **should be called children
of God!** Therefore the world does
not know us, because it did not know
Him..."

(2Peter 1:3-4)

2Peter 1:3-4, “... by which have been
given to us exceedingly great and
precious promises, that through
these you may be partakers of the
divine nature, having escaped the
corruption that is in the world
through lust...”

(Romans 8:14-18)

Romans 8:14-18, “... For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received **the Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father... and **if children, then heirs--** heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together...”

(Luke 14:15-24)

Luke 14:15-24, “... Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a **great supper** and invited many...”

[Matt 22:1-14, the Wedding feast]

Christianity's paradox's:

Luke 14:8-11, "... For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

[to be great, one must be small!]

(1Cor 9:19)

“Paradox” a statement contrary to
common belief...

1Cor 9:19, “... For though I am free
from all men, I have made myself a
servant to all, that I might win the
more...”

(free of all; but, slave to all)

[2Cor 4:10]

2Cor 4:10, “... always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body...”

[we must die to live]

(Luke 14:11)

Luke 14:11, “... For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 22:26, “... But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves...”

a continuing theme of the Word Matt 23

Matt 23:11-12, “... But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant...”

Phil 2:3-4, “... Let nothing be done through **selfish** ambition or conceit, but in **lowliness of mind** let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others...”

(James 4:10)

James 4:10, “... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up...”

1Peter 5:5-6, “... Likewise you younger people, **submit** yourselves to your elders.

Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with **humility**, for **"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.** Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time...”

Luke 14:15-24, "... Then He said to him, "A certain man gave (1) **a great supper** and invited many...But they all with one accord began (2) **to make excuses**... Then the master said to the servant, (3) Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled..."