

Title: Living the Christian Life in the World
Subtitle: Godly Investments
Text: Luke 14:12-14
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Subject Matter: Generosity. Motives. Selfishness.

1. Consider _____ (v.12-14)

Luke 14

12 He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

2. _____ (v.14)

13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

3. Excel _____ (v.13)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **1 Timothy 6:18**. What are the challenges you experience as you attempt to follow these instructions?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:19. How does the truth in v.19 motivate and encourage you as you seek to carry out the instructions in v.18? What steps can you take to develop a greater assurance that sacrifices here and now reap real and lasting dividends then and there?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 4:2-5**. Why are motives so difficult to evaluate (both yours and others)? What will you do to engage in a more objective evaluation of your motives when you step up to do something good?
4. Read **Galatians 5:22-25**. What counsel would you give a Christian who wants to “keep in step with the Spirit” (v.25), especially as it relates to being patient (v.22)?
5. Read **Proverbs 11:24-25**. What specifically will you do this week to exemplify a type of generosity that expects nothing from others in return (cf. Luke 6:35)?