

Going Outside the Lines I

We are programmed to stay inside the lines. We are trained to play it safe. We are developed to stay inside the margins. We are encouraged to be comfortable.

The real adventures in life are outside lines and off the map.

Luke 14 gives 3 pictures of Jesus.

- Jesus the guest **1-14**
- Jesus the host **15-24**
- Jesus the master **25-25**

Consider *Luke 14:1-14*

NKJ Luke 14:1 Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. ² And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "**Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?**" ⁴ But they kept silent. And He took *him* and healed him, and let him go. ⁵ **Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?"** ⁶ And they could not answer Him regarding these things. ⁷ So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: ⁸ "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; ⁹ "and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ "**But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.'** **Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.** ¹¹ "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹² Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. ¹³ "But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.* ¹⁴ "**And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."**

I

Going outside the line means not ignoring human suffering. *Vs 1-6*

Dropsy is a disease produced by the accumulation of water in various parts of the body; very distressing, and commonly incurable.

Jesus frequently responded and intervened where human suffering was taking place.

- This man would have been excluded as a guest from the meal.

II

Going outside the lines means not seeking to be honored. *Vs 7-11*

It is natural and human to desire to be recognized.

Going outside the lines means not seeking the limelight.

Going outside the lines means seeking the lower and less visible places.

- Being called up higher is different than seeking to be in the light. *Vs 10*

III

Going outside the lines means not expecting to be repaid for benevolence. *Vs 12-14*

It is easy and comfortable to be with friends, family and familiars.

Going outside the lines includes the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind.

Going outside the lines includes the needy, the marginalized and the ignored.

- The payment for benevolence will be an eternal reward. *Vs 14*
- It is always the right time to do good. *Vs 5*

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Let's go outside the lines!

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