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“Friend, Move up to a Better Place”  
November 5, 2023

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Observations from the Parable:

1. In the heart of humanity is the desire to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 11:43** “Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.”

2. The guests and the host are filled with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Ego and pride will always lead to a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 16:18** Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

4. True humility will always lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 75:6-7** No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt themselves. It is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.

5. Blessing is \_\_\_\_\_ when you put others before yourself.

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How to walk in humility:

1. Remember God is greater, and I am \_\_\_\_\_.

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