

### **What's In It For Me?**

*Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131:1-3; Luke 14:7-24*

Have you ever been in a conversation with someone who has \_\_\_\_\_ eyes? This is a person who is clearly looking for someone more \_\_\_\_\_ than you. Foremost in their mind as they spoke with you they asked, "What's in it for me?" The answer they came up with is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

They see no \_\_\_\_\_ in you, or in a \_\_\_\_\_ with you. So, they are looking to \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus notes that this is the dominant \_\_\_\_\_ at work in us and this world. He also notes the \_\_\_\_\_ of living life like this: there is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ or honorable about it and we may miss what's \_\_\_\_\_ important.

Why do people seek the best seats?

So they can "get \_\_\_\_\_."

So they can be closer to more important and \_\_\_\_\_ people.

So they can "look \_\_\_\_\_" in front of others and increase their standing in society and the community.

But be careful! You might get \_\_\_\_\_!

Ironically, Jesus' first example doesn't really change the motivation for seat selection. In fact, it ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ the socio-political GAIN of seat selection! Why do people pick the "worst" seats?

Appearing "\_\_\_\_\_ " and "pious" and "humble" in front of influential people.

Perhaps even earning favor with \_\_\_\_\_ for adding "humility" to their impressive resume.

Gaining even MORE honor and attention as they are \_\_\_\_\_ in front of everyone.

How does this connect with the final parable? Well, why do people \_\_\_\_\_ an invitation?

They have "\_\_\_\_\_ " things to do.

Something more \_\_\_\_\_ is going on at the same time.

There are more important \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives.

There's \_\_\_\_\_ in it for them.

What does it have to do with us?

Blessing and honoring those that bless and honor us in return is nothing to be \_\_\_\_\_ of.

Blessing and honoring those that offer us nothing is the only \_\_\_\_\_ good work.

It shows us that the true, lasting value in the universe are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

It also points us to \_\_\_\_\_.

What does this have to do with Jesus?

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ nothing from us or anyone else. There is nothing he can \_\_\_\_\_ from us.

Yet, he came into this world to give us \_\_\_\_\_ he had.

He did it to make sure we can come to the incredible \_\_\_\_\_ he is preparing.

It is a reminder that what the world offers us is \_\_\_\_\_ and temporary.

What Jesus offers us is \_\_\_\_\_.

Our priorities should \_\_\_\_\_ this reality.

*How is God revealing selfish motives behind your sins AND your "good deeds"?* \_\_\_\_\_

*How are Jesus' self-LESS motives inspiring you to rethink your habits and spiritual practices?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What are you going to DO about it?* \_\_\_\_\_