

- I. Be compassionate toward others
 - A. The enemies of Jesus were trying to trap him
 - B. They used a handicapped man as bait
 - C. They knew that Jesus would have compassion and heal the man
 - D. They were challenged to love people over tradition

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8)

- II. Be humble before others
 - A. In humility we view ourselves with an honest appraisal

“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has given you.” (Romans 12:3)

- B. In humility we do not promote ourselves

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)

- C. In humility we serve without needing recognition

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” (Matthew 6:3-4)

- D. In humility we follow the example of Jesus

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:5-8)

- E. In humility we find eternal reward

- III. Be unselfish in serving others
 - A. Don't give expecting to be repaid
 - B. Give with no regard for reward
 - C. Live for the eternal blessings in heaven

- IV. Be present at the great banquet

- Picture of banquet #1

A. God offers us a great invitation for salvation

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

B. The invitation must be accepted by faith

- Picture of banquet #2

C. We must not delay responding with excuses

D. Those who accept the invitation find great blessings

“Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3)

- Picture of banquet #3