

Luke 14:16-24 *(New King James Version)*

Worldly Entanglements, Poor Excuses

- 16 Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,
- 17 and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’
- 18 But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’
- 19 And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’
- 20 Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’
- 21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.’
- 22 And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’
- 23 Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.
- 24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”