



50. Sitting at the Head Table

Jesus “began speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them, ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor ... For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted,’” Luke 14:7-11.

Jesus disapproved of the dinner guests’ prideful self-exaltation. Would Jesus approve of a head table at your church dinner? He might ... if nobody thought they belonged at it. It’s not sin to have a head table or to sit at one. However, don’t desire to sit at it. Don’t think you have a right to sit at it. I was the visiting speaker at a multi-ethnic Church dinner.

I filled my self-serve dinner plate with what I thought was beef stew ... then sat next to a Jamaican woman near the back of the room. If I sat at the head table, I would have missed our wonderful conversation ... and missed her homemade goat stew.

The Apostle Paul wrote, *“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves,”*

Philippians 2:3. Believers who desire special titles, special seats, and special treatment apparently don't understand Proverbs 29:23, *“A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.”* Self-exaltation has no place in the fellowship of believers. Jesus said, *“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,”*

Matthew 11:29. Be like Jesus ... gentle and humble in heart. Sit in the back of the room.