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Looking Out for #1
(Luke 14)

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I. Self-promotion leads to spiritual humiliation. (14:1-24)

A. Sometimes God exposes harmful self-interest in our lives (14:1-6)

B. Even in the world around us self-promotion can end up in humiliation. (14:7-11)

C. Spiritually, self-promotion ruins us but humility results in God's blessing. (14:12-14)

D. Specifically, undue attachment to our stuff and to our relationships robs us of real reward. (14:15-24)

II. Because self-sacrifice is the key to discipleship we should count the cost of following Jesus or our lives will end badly (14:25-35)

A. Self-sacrifice is the key to following Jesus (14:27)

1. Following Jesus costs our relationships (14:25-26)

2. Following Jesus costs us our stuff (14:33)

B. We need to count the cost of self-sacrifice (14:28-32)

C. Attempting to follow Jesus without living a life of self-sacrifice will end badly (14:34-35)

Putting yourself first guarantees you'll come in last.