

## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...

...a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. Matthew 22:2 (NIV)

- **WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD, it's all good.**

"It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart." "...Food doesn't go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer." (By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God's eyes.) Mark 7:15-19 (NLT)

- **WHEN IT COMES TO PARTIES, it's all God.**

"...sell the tithe portion of your crops and herds, put the money in a pouch, and go to the place the Lord your God has chosen.

When you arrive, you may use the money to buy any kind of food you want - ...wine, or other alcoholic drink. Then feast there in the presence of the Lord your God and celebrate with your household." Deuteronomy 14:22-29 (NLT)

**THE TITHE is party money**

## ONE CHRISTMAS? THROW A PARTY

Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!" Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.'"

Luke 14:15-17 (NLT)



## Do I LIVE LIKE I'm invited?

"But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I now have a wife, so I can't come.' The servant returned and told his master what they had said."

Luke 14:18-21 (NLT)

## Do I LIVE LIKE joy is optional?

"His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge (compel) anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'" Luke 14:21-23 (NLT)

## Do I LIVE LIKE there is room at His table?

## THE HEART OF CHRIST'S DAY

Then he turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you." Luke 14:12-14

## ONE Christmas WHERE ALL CAN CELEBRATE.