

## *Why and How to Crash a Party*

### *Luke 7:36-48*

An attitude of superiority, masked as \_\_\_\_\_, can infect each of us. We see it in Luke 7:36-48. By this time in His ministry, the Pharisees had given Jesus every reason to dislike and \_\_\_\_\_ them. Accepting this dinner invitation is a sign of Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward those who disapproved of Him.

Simon's self-righteous, superior attitude is clear. He is blind to his own spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus exposes this with the parable of the two debtors: the one forgiven more loves more. The woman knows her deep need for \_\_\_\_\_; Simon doesn't think he \_\_\_\_\_.

Simon offered no defense for not offering Jesus any of the things a guest would expect from his host. These omissions were a sign that, though Jesus had been \_\_\_\_\_, He wasn't truly \_\_\_\_\_. To Simon, Jesus was an \_\_\_\_\_. Simon thinks he is the superior patron hosting a traveling teacher. In reality, God's purpose walked right through his door, offering Him a seat at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. Yet, with his attitude of superiority, he completely misses the moment of \_\_\_\_\_. He holds himself aloof from Jesus, while the "sinful woman" crashes the party, touches the prophet, and walks away \_\_\_\_\_.

Simon and people like him, \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ their love and service to those they see as \_\_\_\_\_ and beneath them because they believe they have been forgiven little. The woman and people like her, love and serve others because they understand they have been forgiven much—so much that they could \_\_\_\_\_. This episode asks a single question: Who is able to \_\_\_\_\_ God at work and \_\_\_\_\_ Him in gracious, loving ministry?

If we aren't careful, like Simon we can forget our massive \_\_\_\_\_ and develop a deeply rooted attitude of \_\_\_\_\_. So, whose attitude do you exhibit?

An attitude like Simon's brings \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_.

An attitude like the woman's brings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.