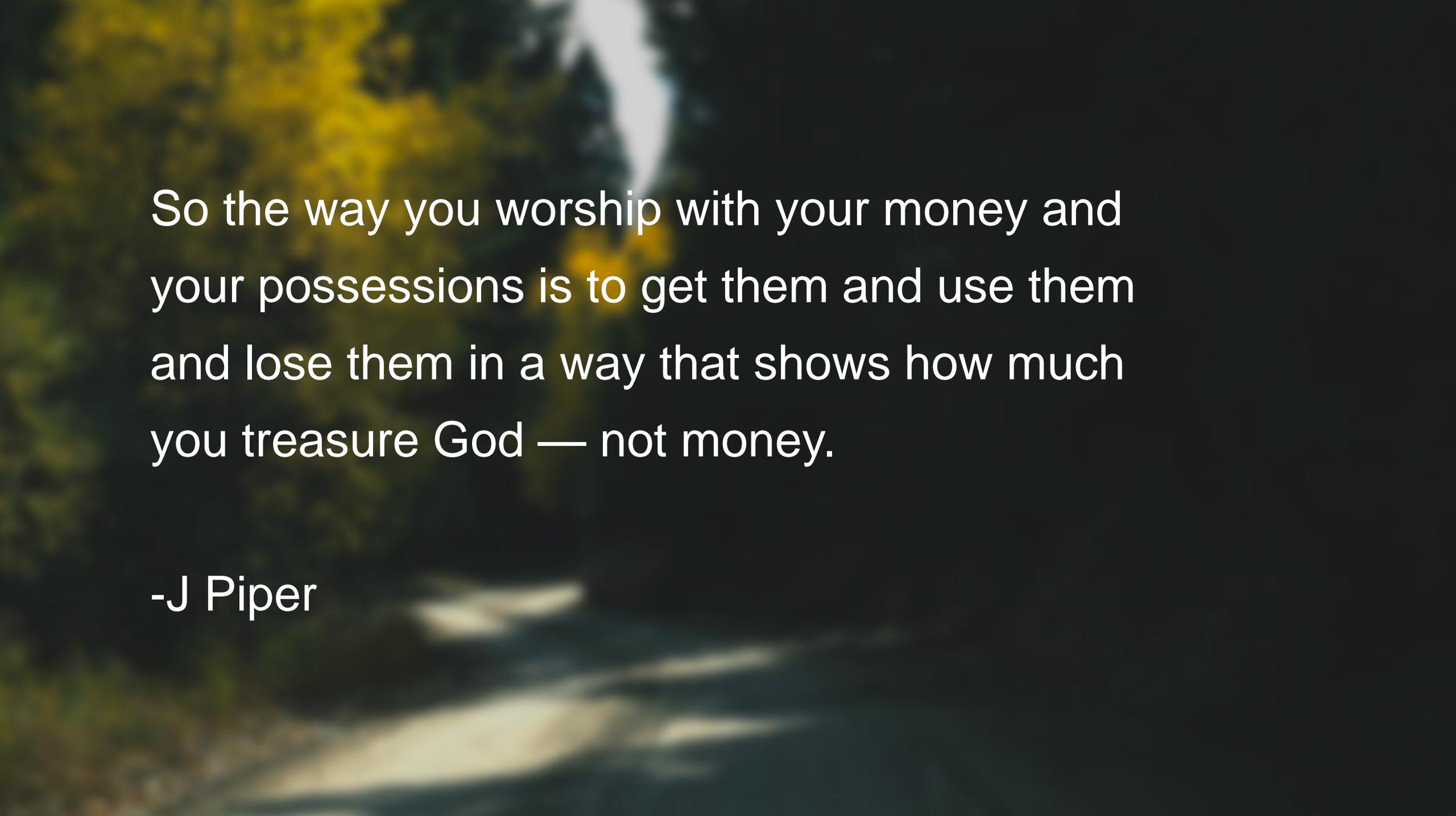


How the Gospel create generous believers



Part 1

Werner Joubert



So the way you worship with your money and your possessions is to get them and use them and lose them in a way that shows how much you treasure God — not money.

-J Piper

(Luk 14:7) Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them,

(Luk 14:8) “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,

(Luk 14:9) and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

(Luk 14:10) But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

(Luk 14:11) For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

(Luk 14:12) He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

(Luk 14:13) But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

(Luk 14:14) and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

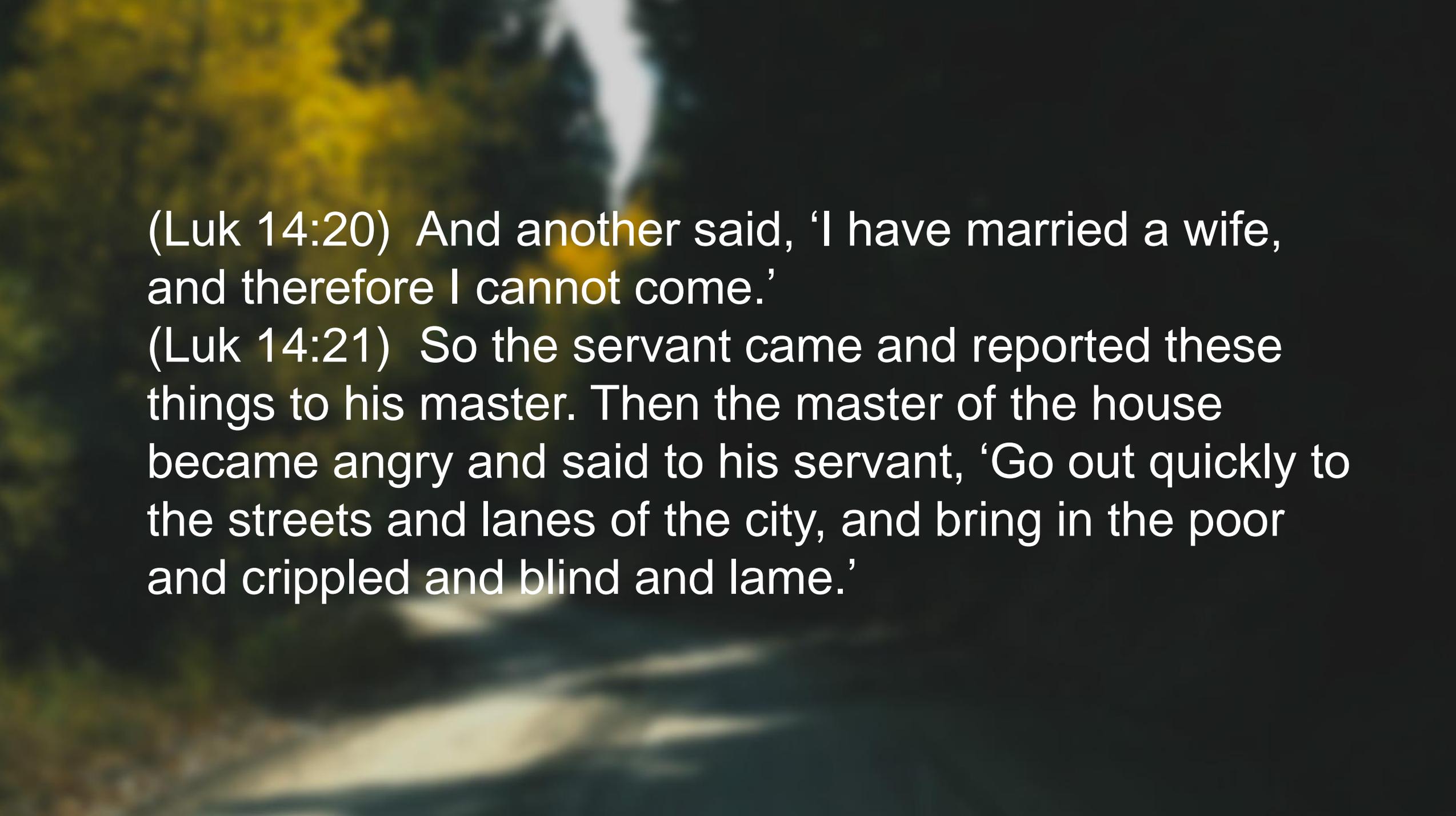
(Luk 14:15) When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

(Luk 14:16) But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.

(Luk 14:17) And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

(Luk 14:18) But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.'

(Luk 14:19) And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'



(Luk 14:20) And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

(Luk 14:21) So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

(Luk 14:22) And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

(Luk 14:23) And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'

(Luk 14:24) For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'”

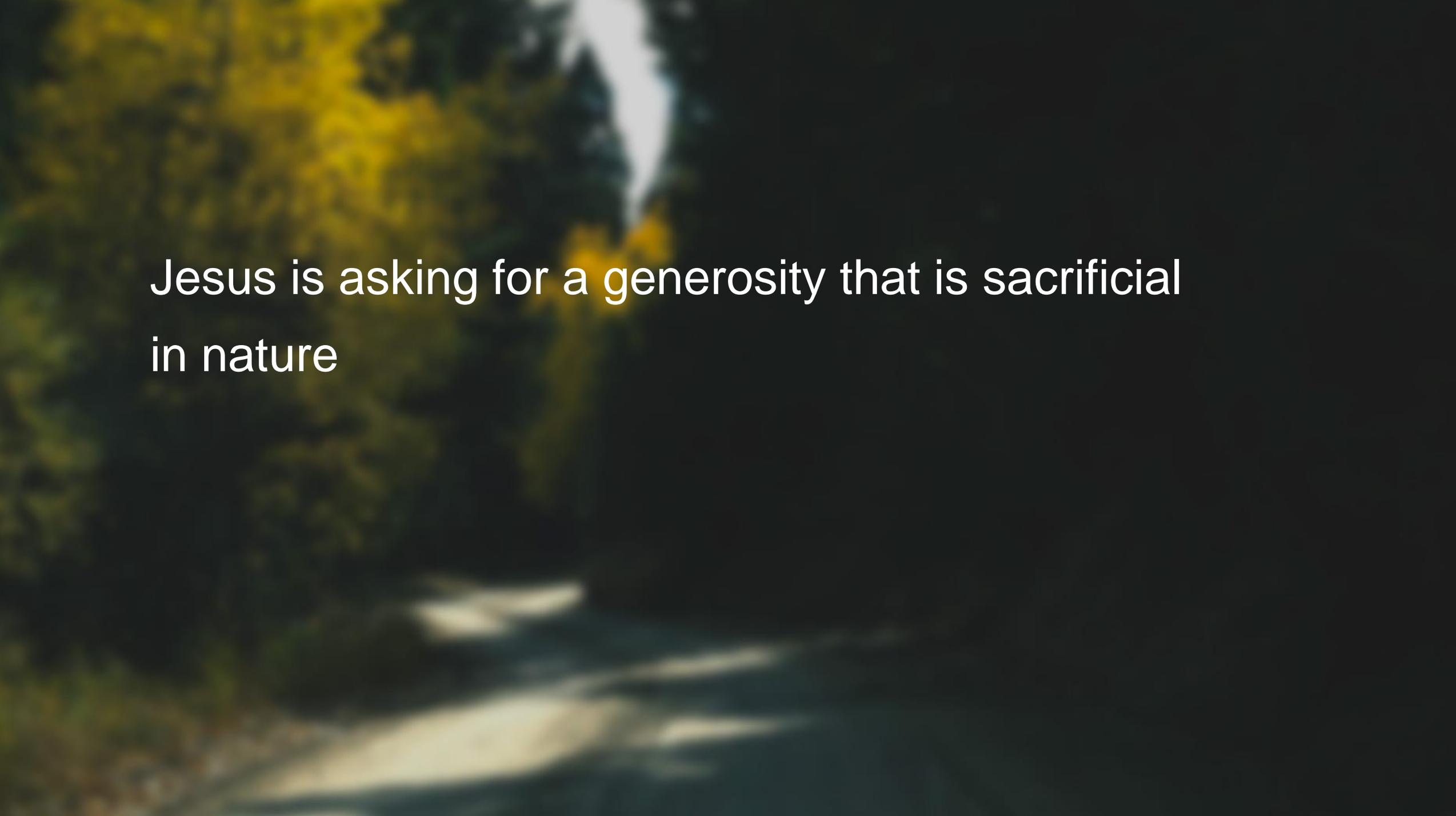


Jesus “patron ladder”

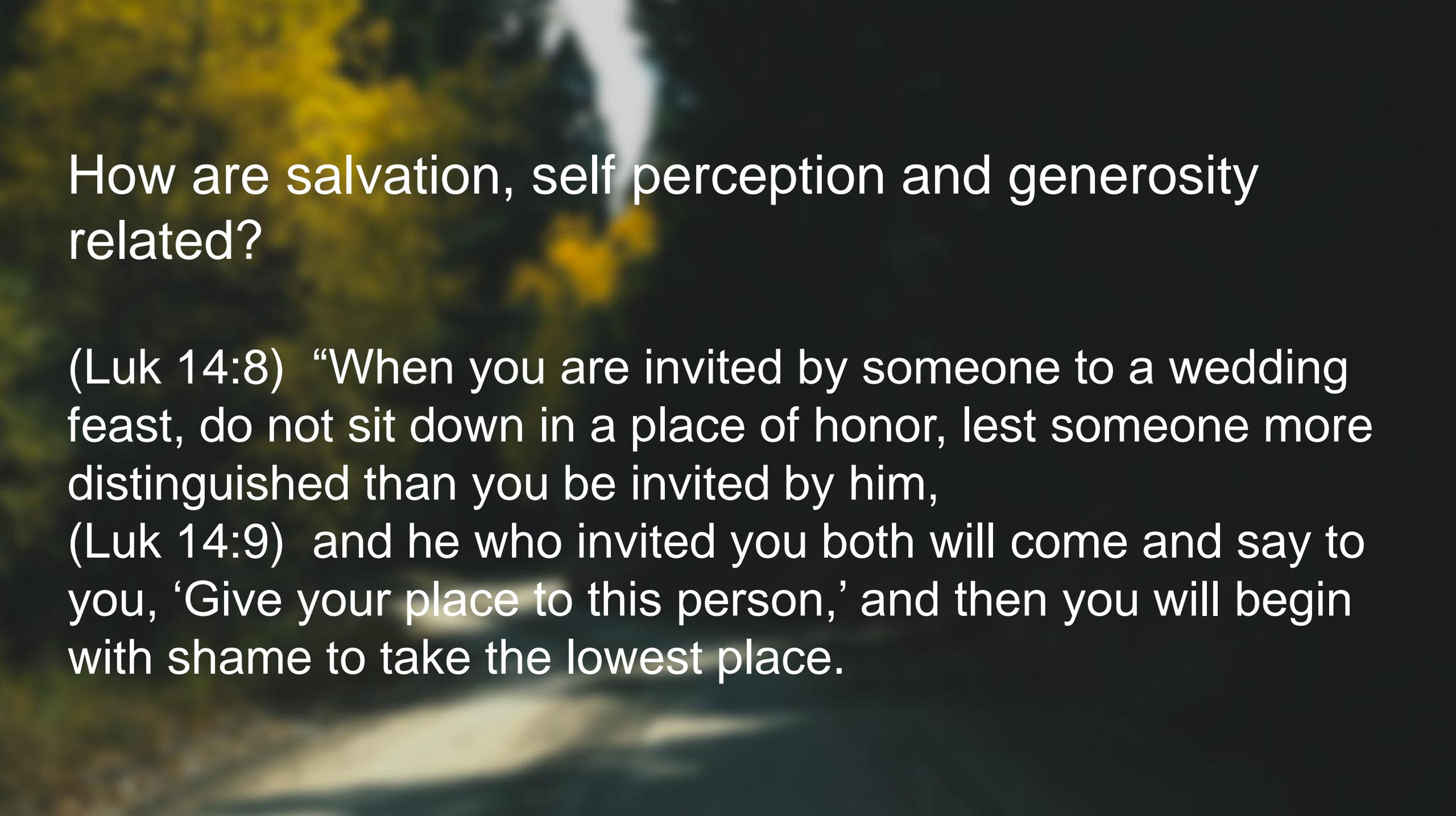
(Luk 14:12) He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

(Luk 14:13) But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

(Luk 14:14) and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”



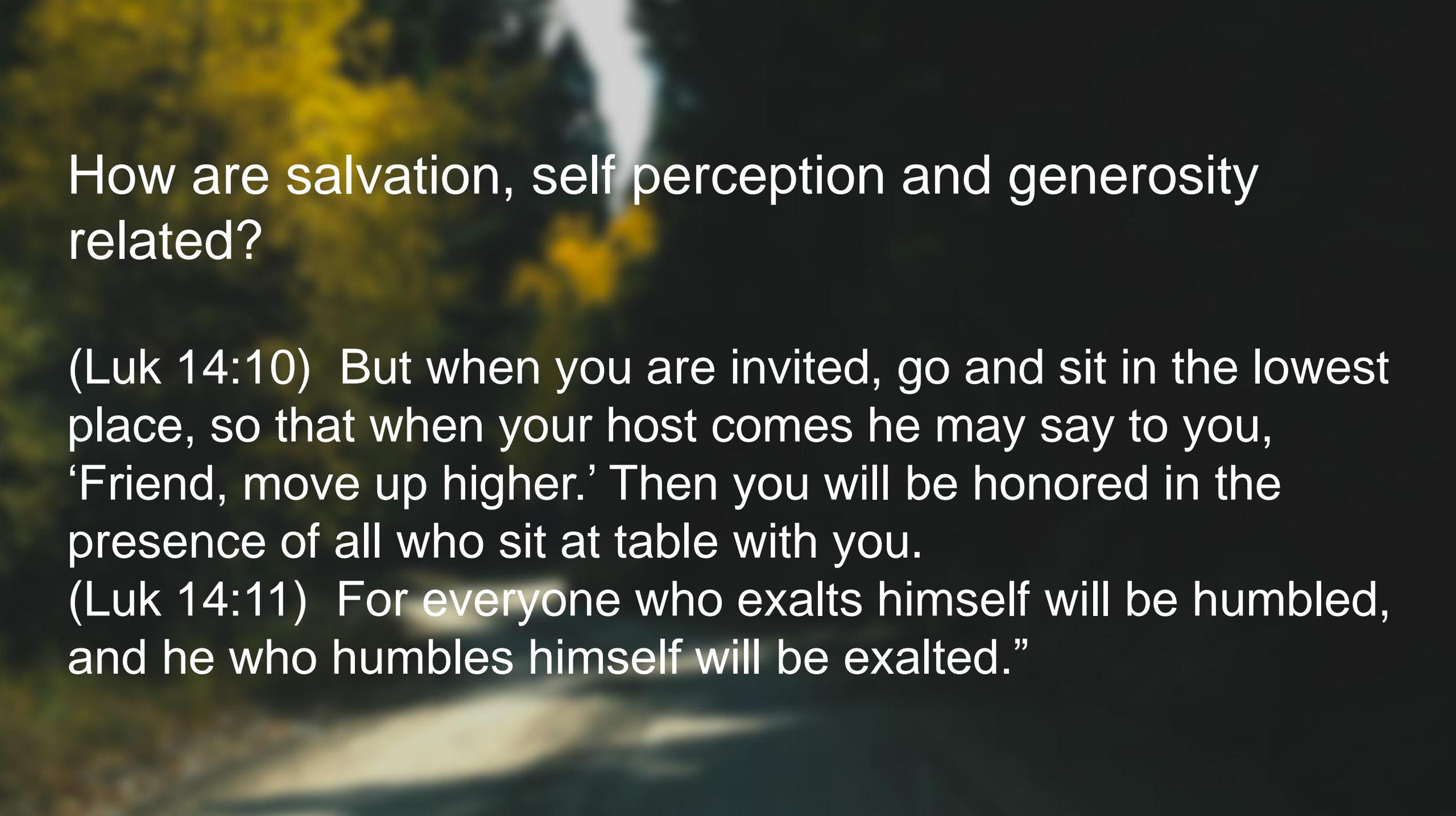
Jesus is asking for a generosity that is sacrificial
in nature



How are salvation, self perception and generosity related?

(Luk 14:8) “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,

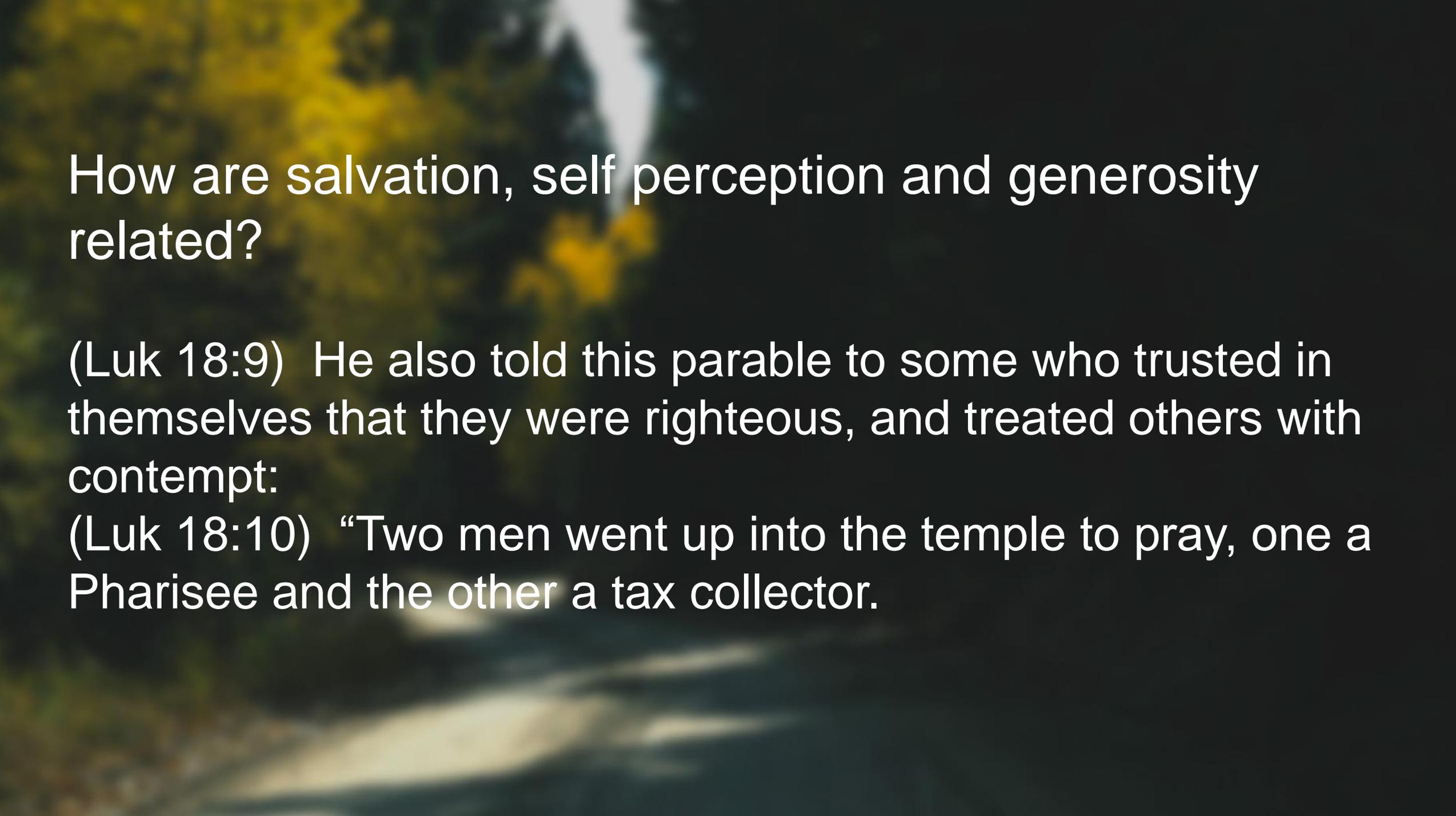
(Luk 14:9) and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.



How are salvation, self perception and generosity related?

(Luk 14:10) But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

(Luk 14:11) For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



How are salvation, self perception and generosity related?

(Luk 18:9) He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

(Luk 18:10) “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

How are salvation, self perception and generosity related?

(Luk 18:11) The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

(Luk 18:12) I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

How are salvation, self perception and generosity related?

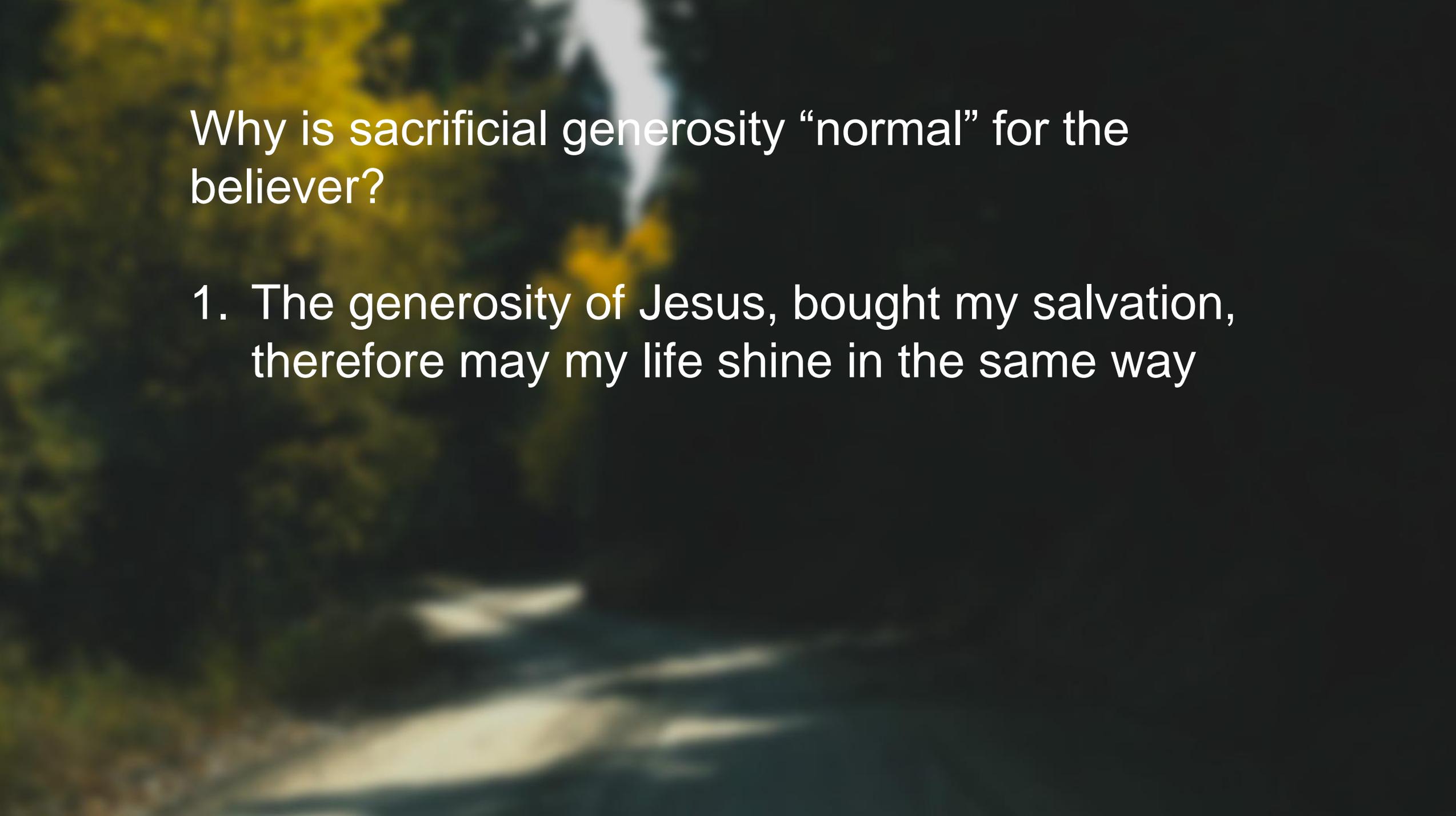
(Luk 18:13) But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

(Luk 18:14) I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

How are salvation, self perception and generosity related?

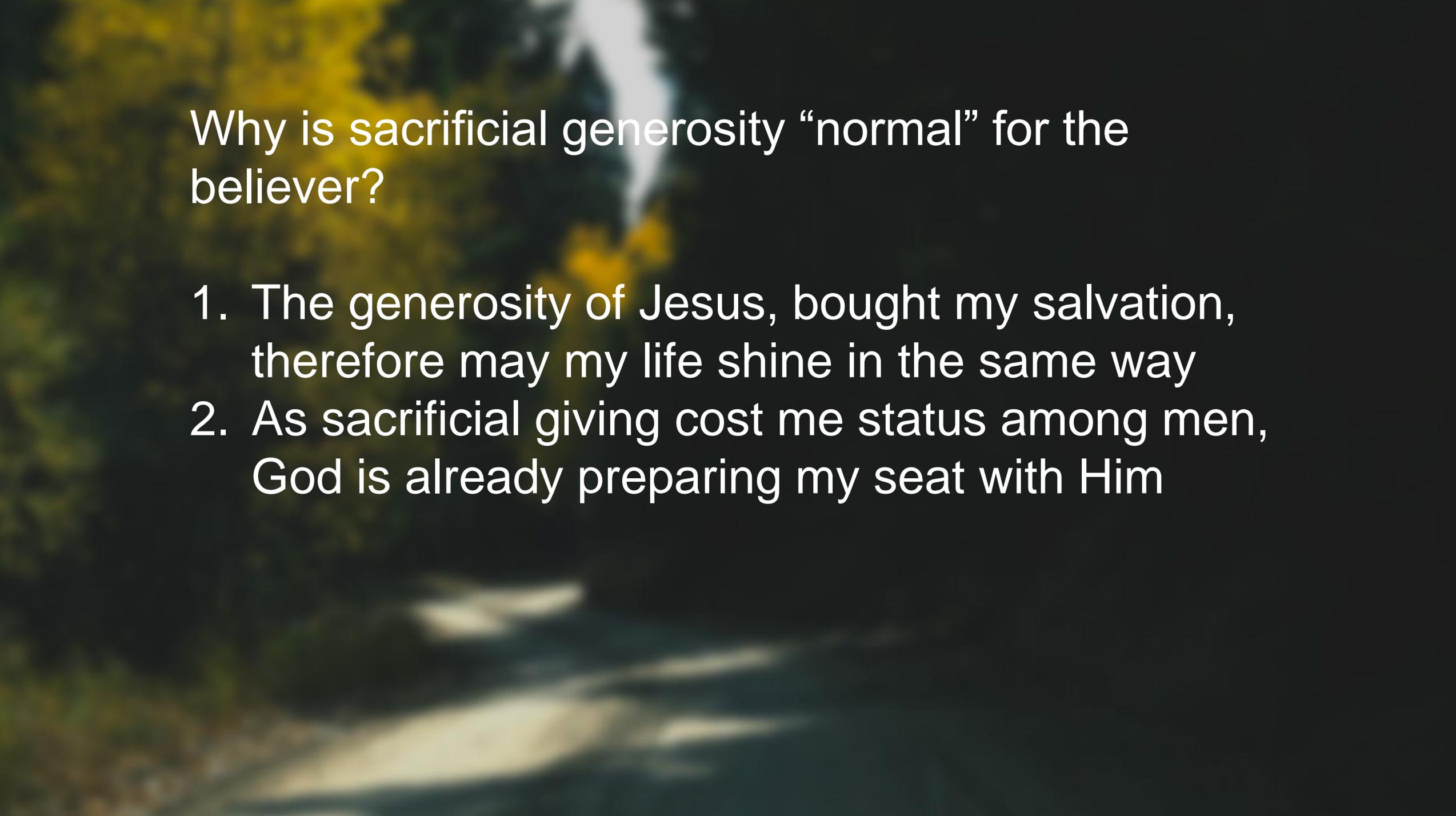
(Luk 14:10) But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

(Luk 14:11) For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



Why is sacrificial generosity “normal” for the believer?

1. The generosity of Jesus, bought my salvation, therefore may my life shine in the same way



Why is sacrificial generosity “normal” for the believer?

1. The generosity of Jesus, bought my salvation, therefore may my life shine in the same way
2. As sacrificial giving cost me status among men, God is already preparing my seat with Him

Why is sacrificial generosity “normal” for the believer?

1. The generosity of Jesus, bought my salvation, therefore may my life shine in the same way
2. As sacrificial giving cost me status among men, God is already preparing my seat with Him
3. The generosity of God through his people is what leads to the saving of souls and care for the weak