

**Thank You, God: Week 1**  
**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?**  
*Luke 7.36-50*

A. How do I show gratitude to God for what He's done for me?

The example of the sinful woman:

1. Be **OPEN** and **RECEPTIVE** to him.

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*  
Revelation 3.20

2. **PURSUE** Jesus (v 37)

*I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...*  
Philippians 3.8a

3. When you find Jesus, show **LOVE** by **SERVING OTHERS** (v 44-47)

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*  
Matthew 25.40

B. What not to do: The example of the Pharisee, Simon.

1. Treat Jesus as a **NOVELTY**

*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."*  
Matthew 13.45-46

2. Don't welcome, befriend or serve people but **JUDGE THEM**. (v 39)

*For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*  
Galatians 5.14

3. Be **CONTENT** with your own spiritual life

*Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*  
1 Corinthians 9.26-27

*"But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."* Luke 7.47

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?