

Don't Settle

Who's Sitting At Your Table?

Matthew 26:20–21 When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” (NIV)

Mark 14:3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. (NIV)

Luke 24:30–31 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. (NIV)

Matthew 9:10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. (ESV)

1. Don't sit with bad company

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, (NIV)

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” (NIV)

Proverbs 22:24–25 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, ²⁵or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared. (NIV)

2. You need godly friends at your table

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. (NLT)

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, (NIV)

Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. (NIV)

3. You need mentors at your table

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of **fools** suffers harm. (NIV)

4. You need a mentee at your table

Matthew 28:19–20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (NIV)