

Luke 6:20-49

The Probing of Our Souls

Broad overview of Luke 6:20-49 - a deep message to His disciples

Luk 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes **on his disciples**, and said...

Look at this list

vs 20-23 Blessed are the **poor**, those who **hunger**, those who **weep & when men hate you**

- **Rejoice and Leap for Joy!!!**

Then he tells us

- 27 Love your **enemies** --- Do good to them which **hate you**
28 Bless them that **curse you** --- Pray for them which **despitefully use you**
29 And unto him that **smiteth thee** on the one cheek offer also the other
Him that **taketh away thy cloke** forbid not to take thy coat also
30 Give to every man that asketh of thee ---
and of him that **taketh away thy goods** ask them not again
35 But **love** ye your enemies, and **do good** --- And **lend, hoping for nothing again**
37 **Judge not**, and ye shall not be judged --- **Condemn not**, and ye shall not be condemned
Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven
38 **Give**, and it shall be given unto you

If we would be honest...

Most of us balk at one or more of these --- Some of these don't make sense to us --- Or we hear it and try to push it out of mind --- Or we think there must be a better interpretation that is less literal --- **there is another option**

Am I Out of Sync With How Christ Looks at the World?

Maybe I need to simply acknowledge there is **something in my heart** that needs to change --- or there is **something about my perspective** of life that doesn't line up with Jesus' perspective

- I don't grasp what it means to be blessed - thus I pursue things that bring woe (vs 20)
- I don't grasp living for eternity, thus I live for this life only (vs 20)
- I live for my own sake, rather than the sake of Jesus (vs 22)

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He has laid out some difficult teachings that go against the tendencies of most of us...how does He help us move into a place where we **RADICALLY** follow him? **He speaks to us constantly [an ongoing process]**

- He looks on us --- He probes us --- He still teaches us --- He urges us --- He challenges us
- He never watered down the commitment - (rich young ruler - & the multitude who left)

Three ways He probes our obedience in areas where we are out of sync

1) He Speaks to Those Who Will HEAR - Do I?

Luke 6:27 But I say unto you which “hear”

- Joh 8:43 KJV Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. [BBE It is because your ears are shut to my teaching.]
 - Heb 5:11 ... **dull** of hearing.
 - 2Ti 4:3-4 ... they shall **turn away** their ears from the truth

2) He sets the bar...It is great hope for change - Do I Want to Be Like Him?

Luke 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

- Luk 6:36 KJV Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
- For us to be like him - he must challenge our resistance --- our pride --- our philosophy of life --- our sin --- our selfishness

3) He presses for surrender - Am I Building on Sand?

Luke 6:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

- It is a response based in relationship & surrender

He Gives Wise Insights To Help Us Embrace His Teaching

1) May I grasp the value the kingdom - so that I joyfully sell all I have to get it

Luke 6:20 Blessed are the poor [in spirit] For yours is the kingdom of God

- Mat 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and **for joy** thereof goeth and **selleth all that he hath**, and **buyeth that field.**

2) He lifts up our eyes to focus on eternity - may I never forget that I am a sojourner

Luke 6:21 Hunger now: for ye shall be filled...Weep now: for ye shall laugh

Luke 6:23 For your reward is great in heaven

Luke 6:35 For your reward shall be great

- Rom 8:18 KJV For I reckon that the **sufferings of this present time** are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed** in us.

3) May I live for the sake of Jesus

Luke 6:22 For the sake of the Son of God

- 2Co 12:10 KJV Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses **for Christ's sake:** for when I am weak, then am I strong.