

Luke 10:21-42 - Choose What is Better

Choose The Heart of a Child

Luke 10:21-24 ESV In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and **revealed** them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. (22) All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to **reveal** him." (23) Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the **eyes that see what you see!** (24) For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit

- REJOICED - exuberant - to jump with joy - which led to praise the Father
 - while there were cities who rejected - there were these who "got it" - believed

He was rejoicing and thanking the Father for REVELATION

- Hidden (to conceal away to keep secret) from the wise and understanding (conceited)
 - 1Co 1:18-19 KJV For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the **wise**, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the **prudent**.
- **Revealed** unto little children - (to take the cover off)
- No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to **reveal** him
- Blessed are the **eyes that SEE** what you SEE

- Luk 24:45 NIV Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.
- Mat 16:15-17 NIV... "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

CHOOSE [or RECAPTURE] THE HEART OF A CHILD

Matthew 18:3 ESV ... and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you ***turn and become*** like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

As we grow older - we have greater chance to be hurt, cynical, disenchanted, taken advantage of, disappointed, bitter, and we lose the childlike qualities that Jesus calls us to

What are children like? --- **Free of Worry** - lamb among wolves (vs 3) --- **Simple** - eat what is put in front of you (vs 7) --- **Trusting** - take no purse or shoes (vs 4) --- **Joyful** - joy at the demons (vs 17)

- Gal 4:6 ESV And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "**Abba! Father!**"

Choose A Heart of Compassion

Luke 10:25-28 And behold, a lawyer stood up **to put him to the test**, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (26) He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" (27) And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (28) And he said to him, "**You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.**"

Fact is no one can keep it

- Jas 2:10 KJV For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet **offend in one point**, he is guilty of all.
- Gal 3:10 KJV For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in **all things which are written in the book of the law** to do them.

The Good Neighbor - the Heart of Compassion

Luke 10:29-37 But he, **desiring to justify himself**, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a **priest** was going down that road, and when he saw him he **passed by on the other side**. 32 So likewise a **Levite**, when he came to the place and saw him, **passed by on the other side**. 33 But a **Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, **he had compassion**. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Priest and Levite saw him - BUT PASSED BY ON THE OTHER SIDE

- Wonder what made them pass by? (time? fear? not wanting to get involved?)

The Samaritan saw him & HE HAD COMPASSION -(this was an enemy)

- Samaritan woman to Jesus Joh 4:9 "for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans"

What is compassion?

- Compassions = to have the bowels yearn, that is, (figuratively) feel sympathy, to pity: - have (be moved with) compassion.
- This is a characteristic of God
 - Matthew 9:36 ESV When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion** for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
 - Matthew 14:14 ESV When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and **he had compassion** on them and healed their sick.
 - Matthew 15:32 ESV Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "**I have**

compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

- Matthew 20:33-34 KJV They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. (34) So **Jesus had compassion** on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.
- Mark 1:40-41 KJV And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. (41) And Jesus, **moved with compassion**, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.
- Mark 6:34 KJV And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was **moved with compassion** toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

The Compassion of the Samaritan trumped every excuse not to help and moved him

- He went to him and bound up his wounds (personal involvement)
- He poured wine and oil (personal investment of money)
- He set him on his donkey (personally inconvenienced)
- He took care of him - (personal investment of time)
- He gave two denarii & took responsibility for future payment (personal commitment)

CHOOSE THE HEART OF COMPASSION - go do the same, make a difference in someone's life...lot's of reasons for not getting involved...let compassion reign

Acts 20:35 KJV I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

Choose To Sit at His Feet

Luke 10:38-42 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. (39) And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. (40) But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." (41) But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, (42) but **one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion**, which will not be taken away from her."

Describing the Martha Syndrome

- **Distracted** = [to drag all around] i.e. A lot on the plate - out of control
 - Distracted with much serving (serving is good, we are called to serve in God's Kingdom -so what's the LORD saying here?)
- **Seems she lost the joy of serving** = Accused her sister and accused the LORD
 - "Do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?"
- **Telling the LORD what to do rather than "What would you have me do, LORD?"**
--- Tell her to help me.

What Did Jesus Say?

You are anxious = mostly a matter of the mind [(be, have) care (-ful), take **thought**]

- Mat 6:34 NIV Therefore do not **worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will **worry** about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

You are troubled about MANY things

- [to make “turbid”, that is, disturb: - trouble] stir up a crowd

ONE thing is necessary

- Are we able to simplify our life?
- Do we recognize how simple Jesus’ solution is for being anxious and troubled?
- Do we recognize that sitting at His feet listening to His teaching is **THE ONE THING THAT IS NEEDED**

Mary has CHOSEN the good portion

- This is a matter of setting priority
- One version calls it THE BETTER part - it is not always choosing between good and evil - sometimes it is choosing between good and BETTER
 - Psalms 84:10 ESV For a day in your courts is **better** than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
 - Psalms 118:8-9 ESV It is **better** to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. (9) It is **better** to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
- The better part is **SITTING and LISTENING**
- This is something that will NOT BE TAKEN from you
 - What you take from those times will stay with you
 - Isa 50:4-5 NIV The Sovereign LORD has given me a **well-instructed tongue**, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, **wakens my ear to listen** like one being instructed. 5 The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

CHOOSE TO SIT AT HIS FEET AND LISTEN