

Luke
See Jesus
How Do Kingdom People Live?
Luke 6:40-49

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Jesus is helping them understand the difference between being one of His disciples (a kingdom person) and just being religious.

Luke 6:40 “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

He indicates that the process of becoming one of His disciples is going to be radical and painful.

The Greek word for “fully trained” is the word “katartizo,” which means to be corrected, repaired, equipped, or restored.

What does Jesus say about kingdom people?

I. You Start with Your Own Heart Before Trying to Point Out What’s Wrong with Others

Most of us have mastered the art of being incredibly suspicious and critical of everyone else while rarely being suspicious or critical of our own hearts.

Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

When the Bible talks about heart, it’s talking about far more than feelings. It’s talking about our motives and affections, what we really prize, treasure, and worship most. In other words, it’s the very control center of a person’s life.

Luke 6:41-42 “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”

He says that if you don’t start with the giant, load-bearing beam that’s in your own heart, then you’re a hypocrite for being so concerned about the speck that’s in your brother’s eye.

Ask God to help you:

1. See your own sin first.
2. See your own sin as worse.
3. See your own sin as what you need to be working on most.

Psalm 139:23-24 “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

II. You Start Trying to Put God’s Word into Practice in Your Own Life

Luke 6:47-48 “Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock...”

Jesus is saying that building your life on the rock and not the sand requires three things:

1. You’ve got to stop running from Him...and come to Him.
2. You’ve got to hear Him.
3. You’ve got to put His Word into practice in your life.

Until you’re actually doing what Jesus says, you’re not a follower of Jesus in any biblical sense and you’re probably still outside the kingdom of God.

Living in the high-tech information age that we do actually puts us at greater risk for living with a giant disconnect between what we know and what we do.

“The tie between information and action has been severed. Information is now a commodity that can be bought and sold, or used as a form of entertainment, or worn like a garment to enhance one’s status...disconnected from usefulness; we are glutted with information, drowning in information, have no control over it, don’t know what to do with it.”

~ Neil Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death*

We have more information than any generation in human history, but it has not translated into changed lives and better people. Instead, this information overload has numbed our senses and curbed our desire to do anything about everything that’s coming our way.

Our culture has grown accustomed to taking in new information and even being moved by it, but then doing absolutely nothing about it.

Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.’”