



THE GOOD DOCTOR

The Gospel of Luke

Digging Deep (Luke 6:46-49)

1. Head (James 1:19-21)

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 *Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ² Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few.*

James 3:13 *Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.*

2. Heart (James 1:22-26)

Romans 2:13 *For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.*

Psalms 1:1-2 *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

Psalms 141:13 *Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!*

Zechariah 7:10b: *let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."*

3. Hands (James 1:27)

Isaiah 1:17 . . . *learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.*

Zechariah 7:8-10 . . . *the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, ⁹ "Thus says the Lord of hosts, (S)Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, ¹⁰ do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."*

Luke 6:46-49: "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

⁴⁷ 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. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them (**words**) is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

James 1:19-27 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted **word**, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the **word** and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the **perfect law**, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 6:46-49. If Jesus is your Lord, how should you respond to His words (see v. 46)? How did Jesus describe people who obey Him (see vv. 47-48)? How did He describe people who disobey Him (see v. 49)? When you consider the actions of the two men in the parable, who are you more like? Why?
2. Read Zechariah 7:8-10. Why do you think God stressed so strongly the importance of proper treatment of the weak and vulnerable segments of our society?
3. Read Psalm 1:1-2. Can you truthfully say your delight is in God's law (see v. 2)? If so, as you pray together thank the Lord. If not, ask the Lord to move in your heart and give you a hunger for and delight in His Word.

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