



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 6 – Luke 6

People — Who is involved?

Jesus – teaching the people.

Scribes and Pharisees = seeking to find an accusation against Jesus.

The twelve newly selected apostles of Jesus.

A multitude of people from Judea, Jerusalem, and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon.

Places — Where does it happen?

In the grainfields on a Sabbath

In a synagogue on a Sabbath

On a mountain where Jesus prayed

On a level place where He taught the crowd

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

Vs. 2 – Jewish Law forbade working on the Sabbath (7th day of the week). Keeping the Sabbath as a holy day was a “sign” that Israel was God’s special people in that time (see Ex. 31:12-17; Deut. 5:15).

Christians are not instructed to keep the Sabbath as a holy day (see Gal. 4:10-11; Col. 2:13-16).

Rabbis had developed 39 categories of labor including some of the things Jesus was doing here.

Vs. 3 – The story of David’s eating the bread in the tabernacle is found in 1 Samuel 20:1-6.

Vs. 4 – What David did was unlawful. What they were doing was not unlawful. Yet the Pharisees condemned them but not David. Jesus’ authority was greater than their traditions and faulty applications.

Vs. 13 – “Apostle” refers to one who is sent out on a mission. These would go preach to the whole world.

Vs. 20 – In Matthew 5:3, the poor are “poor in spirit.” Jesus concentrates on the spiritual needs of man.

Vs. 24 – Notice Jesus pronounces four negative judgments that correspond to the four positive blessings.

Vs. 31 – This is often called the “Golden Rule.”

Vs. 37 – There are four commands here: judge not, condemn not, forgive, and give.

“Judge not” is not intended to set aside other Scriptures which call for discrimination regarding good and evil (John 7:24; 1 Cor. 5:3,12; 1 John 4:1; etc.). Judgment condemned is unjust, harsh, unsympathetic, unfair. Remember we will be judged (Matt. 7:1-2; Rom. 2:1-6; 14:10,13).

Vs. 41 – A “mote” or “speck” was like sawdust or a sliver compared to a “beam” or plank.

Vs. 45 – The “heart” is the innermost part of man. It here stands for his thoughts, convictions, emotions, motives, intents, values, and sympathies.

Vs. 49 – Once having learned God’s will, we must do what God says (see Matt. 7:21).

Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?

1. Jesus is “Lord of the Sabbath;” i.e., He has all divine authority. His rulership extends beyond all traditions and prescriptions of man.
2. The qualities of character required by Jesus bring great reward in heaven though not appreciated by many in this life. If we build on a solid foundation, our lives will be secure with God.
3. Our attitudes toward others should be loving and forgiving, just as Jesus was loving and forgiving.