

Invest some time into rethinking – Think on what we think we know

With things that are important...we continue to develop our understanding | RELIANCE

To be old and wise, you must first have to be young and stupid | Old Saints...Louie Louie offensive

Older men...young – Older women... = Why? What's one of the greatest lessons? CONTENTMENT

Contentment – State of satisfaction NEED | Years of discipline and choosing to trust and rely God

Big Idea – Reliance on the Lord is the cornerstone of contentment

Text: Foundation of our reliance – Warning to those who rely on the wrong – Living Example | READ

Three things that Establish – Develop – Solidify our reliance on the Lord...

· Declare your commitment (35-37)

As Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet." David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" The great throng heard him gladly.

Jesus receiving end of questions all day: Taxes – Resurrection – Greatest Commandment...His turn

· End (34) No one dared to ask him any more questions...Shut down...stop talking...turn to violence

· Jesus creates dividing line...Question divides all humanity...question declares your commitment

Matt. 22:41 'What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he? Who saves us from sin?

· Explain – Clever - 'Christ' or 'Messiah' = David's son (2 Sam. 7:16 - Psalm 89:3-4...All prophets)

· Psalm 110: Yahweh – Adoni...now David is calling his son 'Lord' – Would a king ever do that?

· Problem for Jews...Human King bring political and military power...David himself calls him Lord

· David's words will not work if the Messiah is just a man | Yes David's son AND David's Savior

Ward Bishop Mormon Church – 'So we're on the same team'...you don't believe that | Who is Jesus?

Jesus asking scribes/ us declare commitment...what do you rely on? Your way or God's? I'm God's Way

few days' Jesus Will: die sin – buried rich mans – Raise death – All promised...all proving...Messiah!

· Have you declared your commitment to the Gospel of Jesus? | FOUNDATION OF RELIANCE

There's no true contentment in this world or next without a declaration of commitment...rely on HIM

· Denounce counterfeit claims (38-40)

And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

37) Great throng heard him gladly – Funny...Ask how our church is going 'Great throng' | Large group

· Jesus warns people away from listening to the scribes...gives reasons for his warning...heed

Beware Religious Leaders Who Have

Obsessive Pride

o Walk around w/ long robes – Full length, expensive, ornate outer garments | Grandiose piety

o Respectful greetings marketplace – Failure greet them with honor & title was serious affront

o Chief seats synagogues – Honor at banquets (Baptist) – Elevated platform – closest to host

Insatiable Greed

Wicked – Unscrupulous - Cowards

o Devouring widows' homes – Taking advantage – Demanding purchase blessing | Televangelist

Pseudo-Righteousness

o Pretense make long prayers – Sham or outward show...designed to honor themselves not God

here are those out there who make counterfeit claims about Jesus...Most dangerous

These people will have obsessive pride – Insatiable Greed – Pseudo Righteousness...Denounce Them!

Jesus gives the reason...They will receive the greater condemnation' – Greater freaks me out

· Instead of being rewarded by God for their self-righteous, self-promoting religion...opposite

Sobering reality that those who know the truth, reject, lead people astray, and then profit from it will

be more severely punished than those who never heard the Truth

Anything contrary to Biblical Truth is a LIE...therefore must be denounced...declared wrong/evil

How does that fit into contentment? God has ordered this world...live outside that order...fail

· Rethink what you rely on...God and God's Word = Contentment in this life and the next

· Knowing God and knowing His Word DEVELOPS our reliance and enhances our contentment

Three things that Establish – Develop – Solidify our reliance on the Lord...Declare – Denounce...

3. Demonstrate your confidence (41-44)

41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. 44 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Text interesting turn...Jesus leaves the temple and goes and sits down opposite the treasury...disciples

- An illustration of the counterfeit claims vs. True declared commitment unfolds before him
 - The previous section mentioned widows as the object of religious exploitation
 - This 'poor widow' stands in stark contrast to the self-centered ambition of the Religious Elite

a) The rich, powerful, and influential gave a lot...contributed out of their abundance

○ Why? To impress the crowds...Look how holy that guy is he gave 100k – Worth 100 billion

Talking with Bill Jackson our Elder Chair...Story of an owner he worked with...Gave for the benefit

b) Poor Widow – 1 penny – No doubt came alone – Least in the culture - hoping not to be noticed

○ Who noticed her? Jesus | 1/64th of a days wage...\$2.50 (\$20x8) she gave virtually nothing...

○ What's the point? It's all that she had...and that's what God is asking for

With divine insight Jesus saw both the gift and the heart...the act and the motivation

- When we GIVE...SERVE...OBEY...SACRIFICALLY and w/o self-gratification demonstrate confidence
SOLIDIFIES - Confidence in who we rely on...we rely on God that when he says its good...it is

God says give...we give – Serve...we serve – Pray...we pray – Worship...we worship | Give it all...YES!

Two things we can learn here...

a) Sacrificial, humble, dependent giving honors Christ even if the amount is small – (penny joke)

b) Comfortable, self-serving giving honors no one even if the amount is large

Rethink how you demonstrate your confidence

· Fun – (PENNY JOKE) It would have been IMPOSSIBLE for her to give 10%

Our giving should be sacrificial – prayerful – wilful – joyful (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) – 100% of your life

Demonstrates our confidence...giving's just one example...Contentment – Walking in the will of Lord

I want to be an old saint one day...content...knowing full well God's got this...and act like it

Years of discipline and choosing to trust and rely on God – Put in everything I have

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