

The Great Physician

Luke 6:27-49

- Jesus is speaking to His followers about what will produce blessings and what will produce burdens, as He's sharing how life is built on character, and character is built on decisions. But our decisions are based on values, and biblical values must be accepted by faith. In **Heb 11:24-29** it says Moses made his life changing decisions on the basis of values that other people thought was foolish, and yet it led to the blessings of God because they were pleasing to Him.

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- **V27-28** this is a command that although easy to understand is a very difficult one to obey > **Rom 12:17-21**- this goes against our natural inclinations, as most of us are good at hating those who hate us (it's a gift right!). So in order to apply this to our lives it will take a supernatural work being done in our lives, which is why Jesus says "**pray first**" instead of "**acting first**", as our natural instinct is to fight back, to defend ourselves, and to put on our battle clothes.
- **V29-30** when we decide to live like this then we must be willing to suffer, turn the other cheek means our first response should be one endurance and not self preservation. We all know the phrase "**don't try my patience**" God says people are going to try our patience, the question is how am I going to respond? Will it be in anger which will not produce the righteousness of God > **Jam 1:28**, or patience, endurance, that allows us to overcome evil > **Rom 12:21**.
- **V30** generosity always follows growth, when someone is appreciative of what the Lord is doing in their lives they can't help but want to share whatever they have with those in need, in order to draw them into seeing God. Its easy to give to those who have the resources to give back to us, but when we give with no intention of receiving anything back that's when you can truly say this was done with no ulterior motive whatsoever, save being a blessing!
- **V31-36** separates the believer's attitude from those of the world's, as we see > **1st Unconditional Love V32, 2nd Generosity V33, 3rd Graciousness V34, 4th Pure Motives V35, 5th Mercy V36. V37** tell us we're to never judge people's motives or jump to conclusions, but hope for the best, until their actions prove that is not the case. So my go to emotion is not I better watch this person they look like they are up to something no good, now if the Lord shows you that's exactly what their up to then you should act accordingly, and protect self and others.
- **V38** shows us that we can never outgive God, this is an illustration of we will reap what we sow, as the more we give you would think the less we'll have, but not in God's Kingdom. The more you give the more God blesses us, for He loves a cheerful giver and not one who gives begrudgingly > **2 Cor 9:6-7**.

- **V39** this section is all about having spiritual perception. for in this scripture Jesus says no one in their blindness should try and lead others, as them who lead and those who follow will end up in a ditch together. **V40** a disciple patterns themselves after their teacher, so we must choose good teachers to follow, as we will become like those whom we follow > **1Cor 11:1** – Paul says “imitate me as I imitate Jesus” although they were looking at Paul they really was following Jesus example, therefore they eventually would be conformed into His image.
- **V41-42** continuing with the example of the eye Jesus teaches that we must be able to see clearly in order to help our brethren see better. That means I cant have anything blocking my vision no matter how small it seems if I am going to help guide someone else, for in ignoring my blindness unbeknownst to me the person I am trying to help vision is actually better then my own.
- This is when the pride can get in the way, for once I am aware of the impediment in my eye do I humble myself and get help or do I continue to fake like I can see, that’s where the hypocrisy comes into play. **V43-45** shows that fruit is always true to its character, as an apple tree produces apples not oranges, and a Godly person will produce spiritually good fruit.
- Which is why a heart transplant is necessary for all of us when we give our lives to the Lord, for in us there is no good thing, but after the Holy Spirit takes residence it changes us from the inside out > **2 Cor 5:17**. **V46-49** finally Jesus closes with obedience but notice before there could be obedience there first must be found character which Jesus illustrated from **V39-45**.
- Jesus says there are two types of builders > **1st** a Doer, **2nd** a Hearer, and each is building a house and Life is going to throw its storms our way, its inevitable, no house is immune from it, yet there is one who will stand and that’s the one with the immovable foundation. The question is who’s building your house? Is it by your hands or is it constructed by the Chief Cornerstone?
- There is an old saying by a man named Geoffrey O’Hara, that says > **1st** “Ye call Me the Way, and walk Me not”, **2nd** “Ye call Me the Life, and live Me not”, **3RD** “Ye call Me the Master, and obey Me not, **4TH** “If I condemn thee blame Me not”.
- **5TH** “Ye call Me the Bread, and eat Me not”, **6th** “Ye call Me the Truth, and believe Me not”, **7th** “Ye call me Lord, and serve Me not”, **8th** “If I condemn thee, blame Me not”.