



When is it right to do good?

Matthew 12:9-14

Introduction: When is it right to do _____?

Hebrews 13:16 - *But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

I. Jesus enters their _____ - 12:9

9 Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

We just left Jesus and His disciples in a _____ field, and now they depart from there and they come to "*their synagogue.*"

Why did Jesus and His disciples go into the synagogue?

II. Jesus is challenged with a _____ - 12:10

10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—that they might accuse Him.

The word "_____" means to sit up and take notice. The word "_____" means, dried up, shriveled, lifeless.

Some Bible teachers believe that this man may have been a _____. The question was: *“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”*

Mark 3:2 - *“So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.”*

I believe that that question could be answered by a fourth-grader. Have you watched the show, **Are You Smarter than a ___ Grader?**

Again, notice that our text is clear that this was a “___ up” question. They were looking for a way to accuse Him.

III. Jesus asks a _____ back to them – 12:11

11 Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?”

I love how Jesus responds to their “_____” question. He answers their question with a question. Jesus’ question: *“What man is there among you who has one sheep and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?”*

Perhaps you’re thinking I can’t relate; I don’t have any _____?

Listen, there are certain things that happen in life that ___ the Sabbath.

IV. Jesus shares the _____ of a man – 12:12

12 Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

_____ **is more valuable than an animal.** Would you agree with that statement?

Mathew 6:26 - *Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

Please don't miss what Jesus says in our text – these are His words, *“Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”*

Do you know what our world needs more of today? It needs more “ _____ ” on the Sabbath.

As the people of God, we should constantly be looking for ways to help people. **Let us go about _____ good.**

Acts 10:38 - *“how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”*

V. Jesus heals the man with the _____ hand – 12:13

13 Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

After Jesus provides His **“Question and _____”** He steps forward and He tells the man with the withered and to stretch out his hand, and as he was stretching it out it was restored as whole as the other. Jesus made it fully well.

The word *“restored”* means _____.

Jesus does _____ on the Sabbath.

VI. The Pharisees go out and _____ to destroy Jesus – 12:14

14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Luke 6:11 - *But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.*

Mark 3:6 - *Then the Pharisees immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.*

Can you imagine wanting to put a man to death for doing _____ on the Sabbath?

Conclusion: What are the _____ lessons from this passage?

1. There will always be a “ _____ synagogue” in this world. People are very controlling by nature.
2. We will always be surrounded by people who will need a _____
3. There will always be those who ask, “Is it lawful to do _____ on the Sabbath?”
4. There will always be those who are looking to _____ you. In their eyes, you can never do it right.
5. It is never wrong to _____ a life even on the Sabbath.
6. People are of more _____ than animals.
7. It is lawful to do _____ on the Sabbath.
8. God is the ultimate _____ .
9. There will be those who will seek our _____ as followers of Jesus Christ.