

Reflections in Luke

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Luke 6:12-16, NASB

"It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles: Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor."

It is not what we have done, where we're from or, who we are that matters. What matters is who we become.

Luke 6:46

"Why do you call me Lord, Lord and don't do what I say?"

Luke 6:49

"'But those who don't put into practice what they hear are like a person who built a house without a foundation. The floodwater smashed against it and it collapsed instantly. It was completely destroyed.""

Luke 6:48

"It's like a person building a house by digging deep and laying the foundation on bedrock. When the flood came, the rising water smashed against that house, but the water couldn't shake the house because it was well built."

Luke 6:47

"'I'll show what it's like when someone comes to me, hears my words, and puts them into practice.""

My prayer must be - "Today God, I want to build on the foundation of Loving you and Loving others!"

Luke 11:37-38, NASB

"Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined at the table. When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal."

Luke 11:45, NASB

"One of the lawyers said to Him in reply, "Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too."

Luke 11:53-54, NASB

"When He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects, plotting against Him to catch Him in something He might say."

God, thank you for the ease of your kingdom. Forgive me when I make it complicated and obstructed. Protect me from my pride that would separate me from You.

Luke 8:11-15

Parable of the Seed and the Sower - Parable of the Soil

Luke 8:11-15

"The seed is God's word. The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved.""

Luke 8:11-15

"'The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation.'"

Luke 8:11-15

"'The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity.'"

Luke 8:11-15

"'And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.'"

How's your soil?

Allow God to cultivate your heart. Sometimes He uses difficult circumstances to do that.

Luke 12:49-53, The Message

"'I've come to start a fire on this earth—how I wish it were blazing right now! I've come to change everything, turn everything rightside up—how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. I've come to disrupt and confront! From now on, when you find five in a house, it will be— Three against two, and two against three, Father against son, and son against father...'"

What or whom do you value?

What cost are you willing to pay for your relationship with Jesus?