

The Gospel of Luke

Faithfulness to Jesus Requires Obedience

Luke 6:46-49

Suggested Memory Verse: Psalm 125:1-2

1. **The Disparity of Being Hearers but Not Doers** (v.46).

Jesus here confronts the ever-present problem of worldview hypocrisy. It is one thing to agree with the high calling of Jesus' teaching; but it is yet another to practice those very same things (cf. Matt 7:21-23; Ja 1:22-25).

2. **The Difference Between a Wise and a Foolish Disciple** (vs.47-49).

In the concluding illustration of His sermon, Jesus detailed the only two possible results for those who hear His message. A foolish disciple will listen and agree with what Jesus says, a wise disciple will also put Jesus' commands into practice.

3. **The Demands of Jesus upon His Disciples.**

It is critical that a disciple understand that Jesus demands obedience, but the disciple must also understand those things to which He demands obedience.

A. **Look to the Son of Man for Forgiveness of Sins** (Luke 5:17-26)

Man's sin problem is central to the teachings of Jesus (cf. Luke 6:41-45). A disciple must remember that Jesus has the power to forgive sin.

B. **Be Truly Repentant and Not Self-Righteous** (Luke 5:30-33)

The truly repentant disciple will seek to make much of God, not of self, for it is only God's righteousness which truly matters (cf. Matt 5:20)

C. **Respond to Wicked Treatment with Joy and Gladness** (Luke 6:20-26)

When treated harshly for remaining faithful to Jesus, the disciple is to rejoice at being counted worthy to suffer for the master (Acts 6:41; 1 Pet 4:14,16).

D. **Respond to Enemies with Love, Mercy, and Compassion** (Luke 6:27-37)

A disciple is to leave vengeance to God alone (Rom 12:19) and respond to mistreatment by enemies in the manner that God has dealt with us (Luke 6:36; 23:34; Rom 5:8-10).

E. **Be Careful to Become Fully Trained** (Luke 6:39-40)

A disciple's goal is to become like the teacher. Christ's disciples are not to be arrogant in what they have learned, but they are to remain students until they are fully trained (cf. 1 Tim 3:6)

F. **Before You Look Out, Look In** (Luke 6:41-45)

While it is usually easier and more comfortable to point out the sin in others lives, a disciple must first identify and deal with his or her own sin at its root before attempting to deal with others' sins.