



He Sifts Our Motives

Jesus: The Lord of Everything - Part 6 of 8

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Big Idea: It's not enough just to *do* the right thing; we're to do the right thing with the right motive.

Text: Luke 11:14-54

I. A MATRIX OF MOTIVES.

	Bad Actions	Good Actions
Good Motives	1	2
Bad Motives	3	4

II. A MISHMASH OF TEXTS.

A. The Pharisees _____ Jesus of being in league with the devil.

Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said, "By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." – Luke 11:14-15

B. Jesus gives a devastating _____ to their accusation.

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub." – Luke 11:17-18

"If I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you." – Luke 11:19-20

“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.” – Luke 11:21-22

C. Jesus _____ the motives of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law.

When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. – Luke 11:37

But the Pharisee, noticing that Jesus did not first wash before the meal, was surprised.
– Luke 11:38

Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?” – Luke 11:39-40

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.” – Luke 11:42

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.” – Luke 11:43

“Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which men walk over without knowing it.” – Luke 11:44

III. LIFE LESSONS:

A. Examine _____ regularly.

B. Commit to be “_____” no matter what!

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God’s grace.
– 2 Corinthians 1:12

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.” – Luke 12:1-3

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God. – 1 Corinthians 4:5

C. _____ **you wish you felt.**

D. Ask God to purify _____.

“Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you.” – Luke 11:34-36

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