

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God

Lord, Lord — Easy to Say

Luke 6: 46-49

In these final paragraphs of Jesus' discourse with His disciples He transitions from the matter of being judgmental to the issue of true discipleship. The transitional paragraph is the analogy of the fruit trees: you can know the nature of a tree by the fruit it bears.

Those who feel that Jesus has completely prohibited discernment of character and behavior tend to overlook this important analogy. It is given to us to make us aware that there are bad trees, even within the church (the wheat and the tares) and wisdom demands that we take note. By the same token, we need always to be mindful of the fruit being produced by our own lives: is it the fruit of the Spirit emanating from the life of a true follower of Jesus Christ; or is it something else?

I. The Fruit of Discipleship: True Followers of Jesus

Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and acts on them . . .

- A. Coming to Jesus
 - 1. Many people come to Jesus, few follow Him
 - the rich ruler
 - Nicodemus
 - the many sick and demonized
 - 2. Those who come broken and contrite in spirit
- B. And hears My words
 - 1. The crowds were drawn to the words of Jesus
 - 2. The Pharisees were irritated by the words of Jesus
 - 3. The disciples listened intently to the words of Jesus
- C. And acts on them—there's the rub: few people actually follow Him and obey His words.

II. A Success Plan that Actually Works

- A. A carefully planned house with well prepared foundation
- B. A hastily built house with no foundation

III. You call Me, "Lord, Lord."

- A. A similar passage is found in Matthew 25:32-46
- B. What does *Lordship* really mean to a follower of Jesus?
- C. How does the *Lordship* of Jesus Christ fit into salvation by grace?
- D. What does it mean to *do what He says*?

"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

Luke 6: 46-49

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and

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great was its fall.”

When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Matthew 7: 24-29

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 1: 5-8

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 14: 15-17

Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

John 14: 23-24

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