

Luke Chapter 11:33-54

The Light Within You

Okay - here we go again! Welcome back. I pray all is well with you. When you self-examine yourself, do you see/sense growth? I think how we answer these next questions will help answer that!

Today's block of scriptures can be uplifting or condemning depending on the state of your heart and your inability to love / forgive / accept.

1. How important is it to you that others are living correctly?

In truth, we may not ever really know the answer to that. We may say --- you know --- I could care less. I'm not their judge --- which speaks to using "Thou shall not judge" as a shield for not caring about someone's spiritual state.

Or we may say "I care a lot", which speaks to using "thou shall not..." as a shield for being judgmental. In truth, there is a correct mental attitude that employs both.

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2. What is this block of scriptures about?

Let's break it all down. If you read the bible and you study Jesus and His recorded words, His most heavy condemnation falls on spiritual leaders and lawyers.

3. Briefly, biblically, who were the lawyers?

Let's back into this lesson. We will do:

Luke 11:37-54 first

4. What exactly is the problem here?

The 1st part concerns us. The 2nd part is the example of how our light should not be. Some people learn just enough to injure others

Luke 11:33-36

“No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”

This is an expansion on what we have already studied.

Luke 8:16-18

“No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

Anyone who lights a light.

5. Explain **Luke 11:33-36**.

How do you see things --- through which lens?

*** acceptance / forgiveness / mercy / judgment / rigidity / exclusion ***

Let's pray our light is really light.