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Jesus, Lord of All #6 of 8 *Luke 11:14-54*

The Lord of Our Motives

In This Series We Will Learn That . . .

1. Jesus wants to be Lord of _____ part of your life!

2. You need to determine your _____ of commitment and your willingness to follow-through with _____.

Understanding Motives

Legitimate Motive	*Wrong Motives*
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Note that Motives + Actions = _____ of Righteousness

Jer. 17:10 "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

Motives	Actions	Result
Right	Right	
Wrong	Right	
Right	Wrong	
Wrong	Wrong	

Luke 11:14 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. 15 But some of them said, "By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." 16 Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven. 17 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. 18 If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. 19 Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

The Pharisees Challenged Jesus' Motives

"You're doing a good thing for the wrong _____."

Jesus' Response: 1. Your charge is _____

2. Your charges are self-_____.

3. Your charges against me _____ to My _____.

Jesus' Challenges the Motives of the Pharisees

Luke 11:37 When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. 38 But the Pharisee, noticing that Jesus did not first wash before the meal, was surprised. 39 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. 40 You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give what is inside [the dish] to the poor, and everything will be clean for you. 42 "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. 43 "Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. 44 "Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which men walk over without knowing it."

1. You love appearance of _____ rather than truly clean.
2. You give because of _____ rather than _____.
3. You want to _____ only to be _____.
4. You look _____ on the outside but inside you are _____.

The Pharisees Reveal their Motives

Luke 11:53 When Jesus left there, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, 54 waiting to catch him in something he might say.

What Do We Learn for Today?

1. Understand that your motives are _____ to God.
1Kings 8:18 But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was in your heart to build a temple for my Name, you did well to have this in your heart.

2. _____ your motives. *Why do you do what you do?*

3. _____ your heart and mind.
James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

4. Determine to be _____.
2Cor. 2:17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

5. Do the _____ thing and in the meantime, _____ on your motives.