

THE GOSPEL DEFINED & APPLIED
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“From Duty to Delight”

Luke 6:43-49

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:



KNOWING GOD

- a) Read Luke 6:43-45. What does the fruit reveal about the tree? Discuss how our actions expose our inner character.

- b) We have learned that to apply the gospel in our daily lives, we repent, believe, and obey. Repentance & faith are both an intellectual understanding and an emotional approval of Christ. Once this occurs, we then make a personal decision to turn from our sin and lead a life of obedience. Discuss how this applies to the parable of the wise & foolish builders (6:43-49).

- c) Who was Jesus talking to in verse 46 (see 6:17-20)? What is He referring to when He asks this question?

- d) Confession apart from obedience is worthless (Matthew 7:21; Luke 8:21). What does it mean to 'put His words into practice?' Who is the foundation that the wise man built his house upon (v. 47-48)?



GROWING TOGETHER

a) D.L. Moody says, “Character is what you are in the dark.” What does he mean by this, and how does this apply to verse 45? How does this apply in your life?

b) Read Psalm 37:4. You are commanded to taste, you are commanded to delight. What does it mean to delight yourself in the Lord? Instead of our jobs being strictly dutiful, how can we delight in our work?

c) One motivation for our obedience is to have a desire to seek greater heavenly reward. Read Matthew 6:19-21 & I Cor. 3:12-15. What are your thoughts about a heavenly reward? Does this motivate you?



SERVING OTHERS

- a) John Piper says: “Living for the glory of God must mean that we live to gladly make others glad in God. Our gladness and our pursuit of their gladness glorifies God (see 2 Cor. 1:24).” What are your thoughts on this statement? How can we make others glad in God? What can we do?

- b) How can we put Jesus’ words into practice in our work? How do we combine the secular and spiritual world in our jobs?

- c) As you’re looking ahead at retirement, or if you are already retired or unemployed, what kinds of things can you do for the kingdom of Christ?

