

Christian Liberties

The Purpose of Your Life

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Overview of this series

1. The Purpose of Your Life
2. Distinguishing Between Command and Liberty
3. God's Perspective on Pleasure & Enjoying Your Liberties to His Glory
4. Serving Others with Your Liberties
5. Not Being Enslaved by Your Liberties
6. Not looking Down on Others with Different Liberties
7. Q&A and Wrap Up

Luke 10: 25-42

- What is happening in verses 25-29?
- What is the main point of the parable in verses 30-37?
- What is happening in verses 38-42?
- Why might Luke have put these narratives together?

Outline for this lesson

The Purpose of Your Life according to God:

- Love people.
 - Look and See.
 - Decide to not do and to do.
- Love God.
 - All means all
 - Attitudes – what you think
 - Affections – what you desire
 - Actions – what you do
- All for the Glory of God
 - Worship God in all areas of your life for the glory of Christ.
 - Worship God with intensity so Christ is exalted.

Love People

Look and See

- Notice that each of the men saw the man in need. Verse 31, 32, and 33.
- Sadly, we are often unaware. We have the opportunity to Look and See.

Decide to not do and to do

- Each responded. Everyone responds.
- Love will NOT do. Romans 13:8-9 from last week.
- Love will DO.

To love people – must be rooted in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15. For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

1 John 4:19. We love, because He first loved us.

So as we embark on this series on liberties, a couple of the foundational questions we'll ask ourselves – *if it really is a liberty*:

- **Am I loving people through what I choose to do? And not do?**
- **Do I see their needs and am I willing to sacrifice for Christ's sake?**

Love God.

He meant ALL

- *Luke 10:27. And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind..."*
- The problem of a good school grade

Love God in your Attitudes – what you think

- Who had wrong thinking in our text this morning?
- Loving God is completely different from loving people. We serve people in love. We come to God dependent on Him, worshipping only Him, calling upon Him to help us, trusting Him completely – that's how we express love to an Almighty, All-Sufficient God.

- *Psalm 50:7-15. "Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God. I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, and your burnt offerings are continually before Me. I shall take no young bull out of your house nor male goats out of your folds. For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is Mine, and all it contains. Shall I eat the flesh of bulls Or drink the blood of male goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High; Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me."*
- Putting Off – do not be deceived
 - Remember you are in a world system that is trying to conform you. Romans 12:1-2.
 - Consider what you are feeding your mind: TV, Movies, Music, Sports, Activities, Books, etc.
 - *2 Corinthians 10:5. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.*
- Positively speaking – putting on
 - Well, you know this, brothers and sisters – **be in the Word**. Listen to God. That's what Mary was doing. Listening to Jesus.
 - Regular reading
 - Meditating and Studying
 - Memorizing
 - Thinking. Bringing every thought captive
 - Battling and fighting
 - Speaking to each other and encouraging each other by the Word
 - Conforming to what the Word says

Love God in your Affections – what you desire.

- We want to love God with our desires. What we want. What we long for. And this can be a choice. A decision. Fueled by the Truth of God's Word.

- *1 Peter 5:8. Be of sober spirit, be alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*
- *1 Peter 1:13. Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
- *1 Peter 1:14-16. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”*

Love God in your Actions – what you do

- As we just saw with the passage in 1 Peter – obedience in our choices and actions. **Do the right thing.**
 - *James 1:23. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.*
 - *Build your house upon the Rock. (Matthew 7:24-29)*
- But here let me emphasize something a little different. It takes strength to be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46). You will need this kind of strength and commitment to handle your liberties well.
 - *Psalm 42:1-2. As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?*
 - *Psalm 27:4. One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple.*
 - *Philippians 3:10. That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;*

All for the Glory of God

Worship God in ALL areas of your life.

I Corinthians 10:31. Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

- List different areas of your life. The categories you think of.

Worship God with intensity.

Philippians 3:7-11. But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Conclusion

This is the foundation for making good choices about our liberties.

We must think rightly, desire rightly, act rightly – all in worship of Him who is worthy. His glory. The Praise due to Him. Nothing else will matter one day...

Revelation 15: 3-4. And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for all the nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed."