




TALES OF THE KINGDOM

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“TRUE”

Read Luke 11:33-37

1. Jesus invites me to be _____ and _____.

The damage and dysfunction of living false.

- Looking _____ rather than doing _____.

Then the Lord said to him, “You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are still filthy - full of greed and wickedness!” Luke 11:39 (NLT)

- Losing _____ of what’s important.

“But how terrible it will be for you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you completely forget about justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things.” Luke 11:42 (NLT)

- Driven to be _____.

“How terrible it will be for you Pharisees! For how you love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the respectful greetings from everyone as you walk through the markets!” Luke 11:43 (NLT)

- Contaminate people with _____.

Yes, how terrible it will be for you. For you are like hidden graves in a field. People walk over them without knowing the corruption they are stepping on.” Luke 11:44 (NLT)

- _____ people with religious rules.

“Yes,” said Jesus, “how terrible it will be for you experts in religious law! For you crush people beneath impossible religious demands, and you never lift a finger to help ease the burden.” Luke 11:46 (NLT)

- Make the truth hard to _____.

“How terrible it will be for you experts in religious law! For you hide the key to knowledge from the people. You don’t enter the Kingdom yourselves, and you prevent others from entering.” Luke 11:52 (NLT)


2. Jesus invites me into relationship to live _____ and _____.

“Dear friends, don’t be afraid of those who want to kill you. They can only kill the body; they cannot do any more to you. But I’ll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill people and then throw them into hell. Luke 12:4-5 (NLT)

“What is the price of five sparrows? A couple of pennies? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows. Luke 12:6-7 (NLT)



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The damage and dysfunction of living false.

- Looking GOOD rather than doing GOOD.

Then the Lord said to him, “You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are still filthy - full of greed and wickedness!” Luke 11:39 (NLT)

- Losing SIGHT of what’s important.

“But how terrible it will be for you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you completely forget about justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things.” Luke 11:42 (NLT)

- Driven to be NOTICED.

“How terrible it will be for you Pharisees! For how you love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the respectful greetings from everyone as you walk through the markets!” Luke 11:43 (NLT)

- Contaminate people with LEGALISM.

Yes, how terrible it will be for you. For you are like hidden graves in a field. People walk over them without knowing the corruption they are stepping on.” Luke 11:44 (NLT)

- CRUSH people with religious rules.

“Yes,” said Jesus, “how terrible it will be for you experts in religious law! For you crush people beneath impossible religious demands, and you never lift a finger to help ease the burden.” Luke 11:46 (NLT)

- Make the truth hard to FIND.

“How terrible it will be for you experts in religious law! For you hide the key to knowledge from the people. You don’t enter the Kingdom yourselves, and you prevent others from entering.” Luke 11:52 (NLT)

2. Jesus invites me into relationship to live FEARLESS and FREE.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

Have you ever had a gift that was beautifully wrapped, but was a disappointment when opened?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

1. What picture does Jesus give in Luke 11:33-36 to describe the importance of living a genuine life?
2. How does the picture of the cup in Luke 11:39-41 relate to the concept of inner transformation?
3. Are there areas where you might be focusing more on outward appearances rather than inner authenticity? How can you shift your focus to inner transformation?
4. Jesus criticized the Pharisees for their hypocrisy. Are there any "scripts" or roles you feel pressured to play in your faith or daily life? How can you break free from these scripts to live more authentically?
5. Think about a time when you sought validation from others rather than from God. How did that affect your actions and feelings? What steps can you take to seek God's approval instead?
6. How does Jesus illustrate God's care for us in Luke 12:6-7?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Identify one area in your life where you feel you are "acting" or "posing" for others. What is one specific action you can take to be free in Jesus love and grace?