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Unit I: Love Completes, Law Falls Short

Subject: Doing Good Deeds at the Wrong Time

Text: Luke 14: 1- 6

Key Verse:

Jesus answering Spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go (Luke 14: 3 - 4).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) A Dual Setup (Luke 14: 1- 4)**
- 2) Going against the Grain (Luke 14: 5 - 6)**

Introduction:

The Pharisees always went against JESUS CHRIST and HIS teaching. The Pharisees thought by keeping the Law and the Commandment to rest from doing work on the Sabbath day was the right thing to do. They expected the people to uphold the Commandments and the long list of rules, but they themselves did not. You see their intention were great, but their motives were wrong and often used at the wrong time. If our thoughts and intentions does not match our motive, then we need to check ourselves before we wreck ourselves.

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Lesson Pointer # 1

- A Dual Setup (Luke 14: 1 - 4)**
As JESUS CHRIST went into the house of one Chief Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath day, the chief Pharisees deeds were good that he invited JESUS CHRIST to his house, and they watched HIM (Luke 14: 1), but the Chief Pharisees had also invited a man with the dropsy, and they all watched to see what JESUS CHRIST would do (Luke 14: 2). Now JESUS CHRIST knowing what the Chief Pharisees and Lawyers were up to, Spake unto them, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day (Luke 14: 3)? Upon hearing what JESUS CHRIST had said unto them, they held their peace, and did not answer JESUS CHRIST, so, JESUS CHRIST took the

man with dropsy, and healed him, and sent him away (Luke 14: 4). The Lawyers and Chief Pharisees motives were wrong, they set a trap for JESUS CHRIST by inviting JESUS CHRIST and a man with the dropsy to the Chief Pharisees house. Beware of those that intention may be good, but their motives are wrong. A dual setup is when some comes at you with two types of motives.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Going against the Grain (Luke 14: 5 - 6)**

Now, the Lawyers and Pharisees remained silent JESUS CHRIST would not let their wrong motives go unchallenged. JESUS CHRIST exposed their wrong motives by asking them if one of them would not pull a donkey or an ox out of the pit on the Sabbath day (Luke 14: 5). You see, the Pharisees had enough compassion to rescue their farm animals on the Sabbath, but how could they object to helping a manor woman made in GOD'S image on the Sabbath day. The Pharisees silent suggested that they regarded animals more important than humans (Luke 14: 6). Mark 2: 27, 28 says, "And he said unto them, **the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: 28 Therefore the Son of man is LORD also of the sabbath.**" Being that JESUS CHRIST is the LORD also of the sabbath, should not HIS followers do what JESUS CHRIST did on the sabbath and heal the sick. As believers and followers of JESUS CHRIST our motives should always be about HIM and not on ourselves.

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Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) **Do not tell others to do and uphold the commandments and you yourselves are not upholding them.**
- 2) **Do not setup your brother or sister, by trying to make the fall or look bad.**
- 3) **Make sure of your motives, are they right, and do your motives express Love one for another.**
- 4) **Remember the things you have to do in JESUS CHRIST'S name will not be easy.**
- 5) **Do not be afraid to go against the grain when doing the LORD'S work.**