

I. Work on the Sabbath - Luke 6:1-2

1. Many conflicts occurred in context of the Sabbath (**verse 1**)
 - “Sabbath” is the seventh day of the week but also applied to other days like the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29-34; 23:16-38)
 - Sabbath meant to rest on this day
 - Rea -it also meant to turn to God as in “go to Sabbath” services
 - over the years laws went way beyond the normal restrictions
 - Rea -so, if we are to rest from work (we might think) then what IS work - so, nowadays we say well I get a lot of relaxation from washing the car, or mowing my grass, so it isn’t work. We find a way around the “law” (a loophole if you will) so that we may do anything and everything we’d like to do. This is not what God/ Jesus intended. Jesus was in the Temple on “Sabbath.”
 - Rea -so... what IS work? We can make anything a sin, or we can (likewise) excuse anything we’d like. Sounds like “lawyers” doesn’t it?
2. The issue - not going through the corn fields, but picking and eating of the corn on the Sabbath
 - this is not pilfering because the Mosaic law specifically allowed this
 - Rea -do you think that making a habit of this would have been “pilfering?”
3. There were Pharisees there (**verse 2**)
 - their accusation - a holy man would’ve known better
 - the Pharisees taught strict adherence to the law, but also adherence to the traditions passed along by the elders
4. Be careful that you don’t fall into just the “laws” and not see the intention behind them
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. After all, I can “rest” better at home - in my Pjs and in my bed
 2. You can find a reason to do the right thing or an excuse to do the wrong thing
 3. The Pharisees found what they were looking for - an excuse to attack Jesus and His disciples
 4. The Bible does not report that the disciples did this every Sabbath
 5. The Sabbath was important to the Old Testament Jews as a symbol and mark of their covenant with God
 6. I advise you to “keep” Sunday as your day of “rest” and worship - just as the Apostles began to do after Jesus was raised - the “first day” of the week

II. Lord of the Sabbath - Luke 6:3-5

1. Jesus answers the charge of the Pharisees (**verse 3**)
 - A. Have you not read?
 - B. He drew a parallel between what David did and what His disciples were doing
 - C. He went into the house of God and ate the showbread (verse 4)
 - Rea -might be considered as worse
 - D. David asked the priest before he ate - and was given
 - E. Not for any but the priests
 - Rea F. As David was fleeing from king Saul
2. The point - Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (**verse 5**)

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Obviously the Jewish leadership had nothing to do but come up with laws to “keep” the Sabbath
2. If we see that this is not wrong how does working on the Sabbath - differ from “Thou Shalt Not Kill?” - after all both are Ten Commandments
3. These scriptures are often used to justify
 - A. Working on Sunday - of all types
 - B. Not going to church - after all I can “rest” at home - or while I’m fishing in my boat

*Sunday for us is “just another day” - is that what God had in mind? - no, that is the opposite of what God had in mind

III. Do Good on the Sabbath - Luke 6:6-11

1. He entered into the Synagogue (**verse 6**)
2. He encountered a man whose hand was withered
-paralyzed
3. Again He is “watched” as was the case in the last section of Scripture (**verse 7**)
-their motive is given - “that they might find an accusation”
-to find a way to trap Him
- Rea -questions about divorce, and paying taxes and Sabbath were often places to trap Jesus - they did not really want to understand, they only wanted to trap
4. Jesus places the man in the midst (**verse 8**)
Rea -an “in your face” miracle
5. Jesus asks a question of the Pharisees (**verse 9**)
-may I do good on the Sabbath? He asks
- Rea 6. Pharisees see such law-keeping as a way to...
-enter heaven
-win the favor of God
-it’s all about the rules
- Rea 7. In both the Scriptures we’ve looked at...consider the people
-in the first the hunger of the PEOPLE
-in this one the health of the PERSON
8. He looks round Him at all of them (**verse 10**)
-told him to stretch out his hand - an element of faith (to obey)
- Rea -“obedience” always demonstrates faith - without obedience you really don’t have faith
9. They were filled with madness (**verse 11**)
-lost their minds with anger
10. What are we going to do with Him?
-Jesus challenged their tradition
-Jesus challenged their authority
- Rea 11. He challenged them by an action and not an argument - here
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Jesus taught us a new way to look at worship
-Sabbath - Old Testament
-Sunday - New Testament

What is that new way?

2. The “business” we are in is a “people” business
-it is not about the institution (the church) but about the people of the church
3. He healed not because He was angry at the Pharisees, but because He loved the man with the bad hand
4. The Pharisees (and sometimes the church) were into law... Jesus was into people

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