



Series Topical

Passage Luke 5:27-39

Title Removing 7 Things from Your Life
for a Healthy & Successful New Year

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- **Discussion Starter:** Which of the sermon's seven things to remove from our lives impacted you the most and why?

Performance Based Religion (Luke 5:27-30; Galatians 5:1, 4-6; Matthew 11:28-30)

- What can we learn from the reading of Luke 5:27-29 about how Jesus interacts with Levi, the tax collector?
- In Luke 5:30 the scribes and Pharisees complained that Jesus and His disciples were keeping company with sinners. Read Galatians 5:1, 4-6 and Matthew 11:28-30. What do these verses reveal about the deception the scribes and Pharisees had fallen into by their performance based religion?
- What are some of our own thoughts and behaviors as Christians that we need to be mindful of, so that we do not fall into the snare of living a performance based religion lifestyle?

Foolish Pride (Luke 5:31-32; Proverbs 26:12; Philippians 2:3-11)

- How do you think the scribes and Pharisees interpreted Jesus' response to their complaint in Luke 5:31-32?
- Throughout the book of Proverbs, we are instructed to seek and to gain wisdom. Read Proverbs 26:12 and Philippians 2:3-11. Describe in your own words what they reveal about true wisdom versus foolish pride.
- The Sunday sermon spoke of three benefits of humbling ourselves: 1> We are teachable 2> We think of others more highly 3> Jesus uses our lives. How do you see these benefits applying to your life? What changes are you willing to make so that you can experience the benefit of Jesus using your life more profoundly this year?

Ingratitude and Comparing Ourselves to Others (Luke 5:33-35; Psalm 103:2; 2 Corinthians 10:12)

- What relationship do we see between ingratitude and comparing ourselves to others depicted in Luke 5:33-35? Read Psalm 103:2 and 2 Corinthians 10:12. What truths do these verses reveal to us about ingratitude and comparing ourselves to others? What can we do this year to help remove them from our lives?

Our Digital Obsession- Bad Spending Habits- Grudges and Resentments

- Discuss the negative impact you have seen in your own lifetime as it relates to falling into the trap of being digitally obsessed, having bad spending habits and/or holding on to grudges and resentments. What are some key things you need Jesus to teach you to be able to be set free from these snares?