



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: LUKE 11:27, 28

TITLE: THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING JESUS' WORDS

INTRODUCTION

- A. Why do we give compliments? _____
- B. Why do we receive compliments? _____

THESE THINGS...

- A. They saw Jesus praying _____
1. The Model Prayer
 2. Persistence in Prayer
 3. Therefore, keep Asking, Seeking and Knocking
- B. After praying, they saw Jesus exhibited power over the devil _____
1. Verse 23, ²³ *He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.*
 2. Evict the devil and invite Jesus in

MISPLACED EMPHASIS

- A. “Bless she out of whom you have come” _____
- B. “Bless that out of what you have come” _____
- C. Our human tendency is to place emphasis upon the person and what the person is doing _____
1. V. 14, After Jesus exorcised the demon. The crowd was amazed
 2. V. 27, As Jesus was speaking, the woman spoke
- D. This misplaced emphasis is not productive _____
1. **Acts 12:21-24**, ²¹ *So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. ²² And the people kept shouting, “The voice of a god and not of a man!” ²³ Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. ²⁴ But the word of God grew and multiplied.*
 2. **Jeremiah 9:23, 24**, ²³ *Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord*
- E. Jesus did not deny the blessing _____
1. “More than that” = yes, but
 2. **Luke 1:42, 45, 48**, ⁴² *Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” ⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.*
- F. Rather, Jesus properly placed the emphasis of the blessing
1. Acting on what Jesus is saying and doing versus only acknowledging what Jesus is saying and doing
 2. Am I blessed because I am doing?
 3. Am I encouraging others to be blessed by doing?