

Luke – Lesson 5 Handout – 1:56-80

John 14:23–24 (AMP)

²³Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

²⁴Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe and obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear and heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.

John 14:15 (AMP)

¹⁵If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

1 John 5:3 (AMP)

³For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous).

A number of years ago, our family was in the Dominican Republic on a mission trip. If you've ever driven in a developing country, you know how dangerous the traffic can be. Vehicles whiz past, coming within just a few feet of children playing close to the road. One night, my son Sam was playing a game in his own little world, in which he would zig and zag, back and forth from sidewalk onto the narrow street and back. It wasn't a heavily travelled road; but there was always loud music blaring, and it was pitch

dark. From about 10 feet away, I suddenly shouted, "Samuel, don't move!"

Immediately he froze. About a second later a Moped zipped past him, going 30 mph with no lights on—right where Sam was about to step. My 6-year-old didn't ignore me, argue, or blatantly disobey. I said freeze, and he froze. That obedience probably saved his life.

(1) Parenting—As parents, our goal is that our children would obey us the first time we ask, not the second, third, or fourth time we ask. (1) Obeying God—As followers of Jesus, when we hear our Father's voice, we should obey him the first time he speaks to us.

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Hebrews 12:5–11 (NASB95)

⁵and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

⁶FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

⁷It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

⁸But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

⁹Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

¹¹All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Psalm 32:3–5 (NASB95)

**³When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away
Through my groaning all day long.**

**⁴For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My
vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of
summer.**

**⁵I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not
hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD";
And You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

2 Chronicles 21

**¹²Then a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet saying,
"Thus says the LORD God of your father David, 'Because
you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your
father and the ways of Asa king of Judah,**

**¹³but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and
have caused Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to
play the harlot as the house of Ahab played the harlot, and
you have also killed your brothers, your own family, who
were better than you,**

¹⁴behold, the LORD is going to strike your people, your sons, your wives and all your possessions with a great calamity;

¹⁵and you will suffer severe sickness, a disease of your bowels, until your bowels come out because of the sickness, day by day.' "

¹⁸So after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable sickness.

¹⁹Now it came about in the course of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels came out because of his sickness and he died in great pain. And his people made no fire for him like the fire for his fathers.

Luke 1:57–80 (AMP)

⁵⁷Now the time that Elizabeth should be delivered came, and she gave birth to a son.

⁵⁸And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy on her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹And it occurred that on the eighth day, when they came to circumcise the child, they were intending to call him Zachariah after his father,

⁶⁰But his mother answered, Not so! But he shall be called John.

⁶¹And they said to her, None of your relatives is called by that name.

⁶²And they inquired with signs to his father [as to] what he wanted to have him called.

63Then Zachariah asked for a writing tablet and wrote, His name is John. And they were all astonished.

64And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak, blessing and praising and thanking God.

65And awe and reverential fear came on all their neighbors; and all these things were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea.

66And all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, Whatever will this little boy be then? For the hand of the Lord was [so evidently] with him [protecting and aiding him].

67Now Zachariah his father was filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68Blessed (praised and extolled and thanked) be the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and brought deliverance and redemption to His people!

69And He has raised up a Horn of salvation [a mighty and valiant Helper, the Author of salvation] for us in the house of David His servant—

70This is as He promised by the mouth of His holy prophets from the most ancient times [in the memory of man]—

71That we should have deliverance and be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who detest and pursue us with hatred;

72To make true and show the mercy and compassion and kindness [promised] to our forefathers and to remember

and carry out His holy covenant [to bless, which is all the more sacred because it is made by God Himself],

⁷³That covenant He sealed by oath to our forefather Abraham:

⁷⁴To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our foes, might serve Him fearlessly

⁷⁵In holiness (divine consecration) and righteousness [in accordance with the everlasting principles of right] within His presence all the days of our lives.

⁷⁶And you, little one, shall be called a prophet of the Most High; for you shall go on before the face of the Lord to make ready His ways,

⁷⁷To bring and give the knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness and remission of their sins.

⁷⁸Because of and through the heart of tender mercy and loving-kindness of our God, a Light from on high will dawn upon us and visit [us]

⁷⁹To shine upon and give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to direct and guide our feet in a straight line into the way of peace.

⁸⁰And the little boy grew and became strong in spirit; and he was in the deserts (wilderness) until the day of his appearing to Israel [the commencement of his public ministry].

Wayne Grudem in Systematic Theology says this:

First, it is important to affirm that each person is completely and fully God; that is, that each person has the whole fullness of God's being in himself. The Son is not partly God or just one-third of God, but the Son is wholly and fully God and so is the Father and the Holy Spirit.

We must say that the person of the Father possesses the whole being of God in himself. Similarly, the Son possesses the whole being of God in himself and the Holy Spirit possesses the whole being of God in himself. When we speak of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit together we are not speaking of any greater being than when we speak of the Father alone, or the Son alone, or the Holy Spirit alone. And the Holy Spirit is all of God's being.

Genesis 1:1–2 (NASB95)

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

²The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Wayne Grudem also says of the Holy Spirit's work:

The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church.

1 Thessalonians 5:14–22 (NASB95)

¹⁴We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

¹⁵See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

¹⁶Rejoice always;

¹⁷pray without ceasing;

¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit;

²⁰do not despise prophetic utterances.

²¹But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;

²²abstain from every form of evil.

Knowledge Commentary says this about quenching the Spirit:

The Bible frequently likens the Holy Spirit to a flame (Isa. 4:4; Matt. 3:11; Acts 2:3-4). He warms the heart, enlightens the mind, and empowers people's spirits. It is the effective working of the Holy Spirit that Paul warned against hindering. His fire can be diminished or even snuffed out if He is resisted. The Holy Spirit's working can be opposed by believers. It is this that Paul warned against.

Romans 7

¹⁵For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

¹⁶But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good.

¹⁷So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

¹⁹For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

²⁰But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

²¹I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

²²For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

²³but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.