

## Full of Light

Luke 11:27-54

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### Intro

In this section Luke puts together several teachings of Christ that carry the same theme, the importance of an authentic life before God.

What difference does the Christian faith make in our lives?

**Illus-** If we took two people, one an authentic Christian and the other not, what difference would we see in their lives?

We would have a tendency to look at outward things to see a difference, but this is where we can be led astray. The real change is in the heart and is not seen by men.

Here are some insights into how to live an authentic godly life.

### **I. Live by faith, rather than by signs.**

The crowd had asked for a sign from heaven to indicate whether they should listen to Jesus. This is a way of testing God.

Vs 29-32

A. Only the sign of Jonah is given.

- He was referring to the resurrection.

B. Some people wouldn't change even if they did have a sign from heaven.

**Illus-** Luke 16:9ff The story of Lazarus.

C. Be guided by the peace of God.

- This causes a personal relationship with the Lord.

### II. Walk in the Light.

Vs 33-36

A. The purpose of light is to shine.

**Illus-** If I stumble in the darkness you would understand, but if the light is on I am expected to walk according to the light.

B. Don't let your light be darkness.

**II Cor 11:13-15**

- Satan has light that is darkness.

### III. Let your religion be found in the heart first.

Vs 37-54

A. The Pharisees and the Lawyers.

- They were unclean and didn't know it.

- They preferred to be seen as righteous by others than by God.

B. What do you do if you find that the inside is not authentic?

- Do you let the outside go to the dogs so you're consistent?
- No, change the inside!!
- Don't give up on yourself!!

C. Tithing and other rules to keep.

- It's about the heart.

**Illus-** The added rules were very heavy.

***On the Sabbath a man may not carry a burden "in his right hand or in his left hand, in his bosom or on his shoulder." But he may carry it, "On the back of his hand, or with his foot or with his mouth or with his elbow, or with his ear or in his hair or in his wallet (carried mouth downwards), or between his wallet and his shirt, or in the hem of his shirt, or in his shoe or in his sandal. (Shabbath 10:3)***

The sad thing was that the leaders were experts in the law and knew the loopholes so that they were able to get out of obeying the burdensome rules themselves.

Conclusion

Godly living is not supposed to be difficult. Jesus said, "My burden is light."

The key is found in this, "**The joy of the Lord is my strength!!**"