

## When Principles Collide

Luke 13:10-14:6

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### Intro

When Principles Collide We See God's Heart.

### **I. Live By the Principle of the Greatest Good.**

Vs 10-17

A. If a man sees the good he could do and does not do it...

James 4:17

**Illus-** Is it a sin to NOT walk an old lady across the street?

- Peace with God.
- Division within men.
- You represent God and that brings confrontation to their lives.

B. As far as it has to do with you, be at peace with all men.

Rom 12:17-21

- Let them reject you, don't judge them.
- Overcome evil with good!

Col 4:6

- Let your speech always be with grace.

C. We need to please God rather than men.

**Illus-**

D. On a side note, will Christians be judged?

- This is a common question today.
- See II Cor 5: 10
- See I Cor 3: 11-16

### **II. Know the Signs of the Times.**

Vs 54-59

A. We can often judge physical things.

- But we're supposed to judge spiritual things also.
- All the signs pointed to Christ as the One sent by God to call us back to God.

**Illus-** Mount Vesuvius caught the citizens of Pompeii unaware. But were there signs of warning?

B. Time is of the essence.

- We need to settle with God while we can.

C. Tragedies are not God's special judgment.

- We've all sinned and should be concerned about the consequences.

### III. **The Fruit of Our Lives Belongs to God.**

A. Fruit is the character of Christ within us.

B. God continues to be gracious.

**Illus-** Trees produce different fruit than radishes. We are called to be trees.

### Conclusion

**Illus-** "Is He safe?"

**The times is now to live right before God and to produce the fruit of Christ's character within us.**