

Why do you call me “Lord, Lord” and do not do what I say?

Luke 6:46-49; Matthew 7:15-23

Outline

Introduction: One day Jesus turned to His disciples and the crowds that surrounded Him. It must have been a euphoric moment because everyone who touched Him was healed. In that exciting atmosphere Jesus asked this penetrating question: “*Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?*” (Luke 6:46) Jesus saved His harshest words for hypocrites. Today’s message is a call to self-examination and Christian authenticity.

Two real dangers facing every disciple who claims to follow Jesus:

1. You can give Jesus His title but deny Him His rightful throne. “*Jesus said, ‘Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord?’*”
2. You can settle with saying the right things without doing the right things. “*Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and do not do what I say?*”

The one distinguishing mark of every true disciple is obedience. *Matthew 7:15-20*

Some commands of Jesus that you are called to obey:

1. *Matthew 5:44, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*
2. *Matthew 6:20, “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”*
3. *Matthew 6:34, “Do not be anxious about tomorrow.”*
4. *Matthew 7:1, “Do not judge, lest you be judged.”*
5. *Matthew 9:13, “Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire compassion and not sacrifice for I don’t not come to call the righteous but sinners.’ ”*
6. *Matthew 19:14, “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me.”*
7. *John 15:12, “My commandment is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”*
8. *Matthew 28:20, “Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.”*

The one defining judgment facing every hypocrite is coming. *Matthew 7:21-23, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ ”*

Conclusion: Take time to search you own heart. The exercise might be painful but may also save your life. The difference between whether Jesus meets you with a tear or a smile is your decision.