

## Living a Christ-Centered Life

### LESSON 6: The Difference Between Religion and a Christ-Centered Life

Read Luke 6 and write a brief overview:

#### Questions to consider:

1. How does a Christian stay balanced between faith and good deeds?
2. What are the consequences of allowing extremes to take root in our lives?

Read the following excerpts from Luke 6, compare religion and a Christ-centered life.

#### THE PRACTICE OF LEGALISTIC RELIGION

*1 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. 2 Some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"*

*6 On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. 7 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath*

#### THE WAY OF LIFE FOR CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM PEOPLE

*20 Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.*

*22 Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.*

*27 Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you,*

*36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 Do not judge; and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

*38 Give and it will be given to you.*

*45 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.*

*46 Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?*

**Summarize what Luke 6 taught you about living the Christ-centered life.**