**Building Core Strength**

**Through Christ’s Strange Strength**

**for the Establishment of a Kingdom[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Luke 6:12-49**

“*Shoring up foundational areas in our walk with Christ and our Church ministries that comprise the basis of godliness and effective community service”*

3 surprising elements of Jesus’ reign to bring salvation to His world.

# An Unexpected Group of Servants (Luke 6:12-19)

***Luke 6:12*** *It was* at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

**Luke 6:9:** *And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?” 10. After looking around at them all, He said to him, “Stretch out your hand!” And he did so; and his hand was restored. 11. But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.*

**Luke 6:13-17**:  *And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles: 14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John and Philip (Greek name , horror above horrors, compromiser, half-breed) and Bartholomew 15 and Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon who was called the Zealot 16 Judas the son of James and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.*

## Ordinary men in contrast to the leaders of Israel

## B. “Twelve men” (12 tribes of Israel) to show the consistency of God’s plan thru the ages

Luke 6:17-19: *Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,*

*18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. 19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.*

**II. A Perplexing Lifestyle (Luke 6:20-38)**

1. **A heart that delights only in God and not the pleasures of this world (20-26)**
2. **A heart that is able to love when deprived of the pleasures of this world (vs. 27-38)**

**III. A Satisfying Result for Those Who Heed the Call (Luke 6:38-49)**

**A. Reward: Abundant Life (v. 38)**

**B. Opportunity: Able to lead others (v. 39-42)**

**Luke 6:39** *And He also spoke a parable to them: “A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40 “A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher. 41 “Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 42 “Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.*

**C. Evidence: Fruit (v. 43-45)**

*Luke 6: 43 For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. 44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. 45 The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.*

**D. Result: Stability (v. 46-49)**

 *Luke 6: 46 Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? 47 Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.”*

1. Mark Dutton [↑](#footnote-ref-1)