Luke 6:1-19 • The Authority of Christ

1. (v.1-5) Jesus the **Ruler**
	1. When something was not specifically spelled out in God’s Word they were supposed to **apply** the Law, not make up **more laws**.
	2. We are supposed to know the difference between the “**letter**” of the Law and the “**spirit**” of the Law. (Col. 2:13-17)
2. (v.6-11) Jesus the **Healer**
	1. When it comes to the Law their problem is:
		1. The First **Tablet**: They do not love **God** with all their heart.
		2. The Second **Tablet**: They do not love **others** with all their heart.
		3. They want their **traditions** to be the final authority.
	2. Both **Tablets** must be kept in equal **tension** or serious error results.
	3. Signs and wonders work for **renewal** in hearts which love God and work for **judgment** in hearts which do not.
3. (v.12-16) Jesus the **Master**
	1. Those who cannot **apply** His Word will be replaced by those who **can**. (Is. 55:11)
4. (v.17-19) Jesus the **Example**
	1. Those who refuse to accept and apply **the spirit of the Law** will be left in favor of someone else who will.

***Summary***:

* The earthly use authority to rule at the **expense** of loving others; the heavenly as an example of how to **fulfill** the Law of love.
* The earthly are **unchanged** by signs and wonders because tradition means more to them than truth; the heavenly are **transformed** by them because they put truth into practice.
* The earthly are such a failure at keeping the Law they actually become a **hindrance**; the heavenly are raised in their place to properly **apply** the Law.