

Luke 6:1-19 • The Authority of Christ

1. (v.1-5) Jesus the **Ruler**
 - a. When something was not specifically spelled out in God's Word they were supposed to **apply** the Law, not make up **more laws**.
 - b. 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**
 - a. When it comes to the Law their problem is:
 - i. The First **Tablet**: They do not love **God** with all their heart.
 - ii. The Second **Tablet**: They do not love **others** with all their heart.
 - iii. They want their **traditions** to be the final authority.
 - b. Both **Tablets** must be kept in equal **tension** or serious error results.
 - c. 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**
 - a. Those who cannot **apply** His Word will be replaced by those who **can**. (Is. 55:11)

4. (v.17-19) Jesus the **Example**
 - a. 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.