

LUKE :

THE LIFE AND STORIES OF JESUS



SERMON TEXT: LUKE 6:6-11

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“Come and stand here.”

And he rose and stood there.

And Jesus said to them, **“I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?”** And after looking around at them all he said to him, **“Stretch out your hand.”** And he did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Posture of the Heart.

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Cynical

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The Cynical

Cynicism masquerades as wisdom, but it is the farthest thing from it. Because cynics don't learn anything. Because cynicism is a self-imposed blindness, a rejection of the world because we are afraid it will hurt us or disappoint us.

Cynics always say no.

Stephen Colbert

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Cynicism is teenage apathy turned sour through the hardships of life as a twenty something.

Cynicism is pointed apathy.

It is an emotional rocket launcher mounted on a La-Z-Boy.

Paul Maxwell

When the *posture of a heart* is *cynical* that persons expectations are set toward seeing the worst in a situation.

This goes against God's plan for renewal.

The Passive

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When you live countless stories in which you play a sedentary role, it's an odd feeling to switch stories.

Donald Miller,
A Million Miles in a Thousand Years

When the *posture of a heart* is *passive* that person becomes a spectator in their own life and in the grand scheme of God's plan & calling for them.

Passivity rules out the ability to be a partner in seeing God's Kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Partnering requires action.

The Expectant

But saying “yes” begins things. Saying “yes” is how things grow. Saying “yes” leads to knowledge.
“Yes” is for young people.
So for as long as you have the strength to, say “yes'.”

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When the *posture of a heart* is *expectant* it shows an openness, willingness & desire to see God move.

Expectancy is a sign of a heart renewed, full of hope, with a focus on God's renewal of others.

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