Did God Really Say...? #2 (Luke 18:24)

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INTRODUCTION

- Now, what is your confidence level in God's word?
- God's word provides soul-saving, life-ennobling, immortality promising words.
- Satan is all about undermining either what is true and what is right, undermining your understanding of God's word, or undermining your confidence in it.

1 Esteem Others Better Than Ourselves

- Did God really say that we're to esteem others better than ourselves?
- It is looking at people in such a way where their interests become more important than your own.
- This is really what Jesus demonstrated. He's not asking us to do something he did not do.

2 Bless Those Who Curse You

Romans 12:14; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer.
- Would you call it devoted to prayer? How patient are we when difficult things, challenging things, hurtful things come our way?
- This is what the faithful person's life is supposed to look like. Bless those who have evil intent where you're concerned, who curse you, who persecute you.

3 Do Companions Really Matter?

- Do companions really matter? Bad company corrupts good morals.
- Our associations have a tremendous influence on our lives.
- I still think the number one reason why we lose our kids is because of not just who and what they're listening to, but who the friends are.
- Be careful of the influences that may be affecting you.

4 The Tongue Must Be Bridled

James 1:26; James 3:2

- If we do not bridle our tongues, our religion is vain.
- We've got to expend some effort to control what proceeds out of our mouth.
- It takes a tremendous amount of control to say, in this situation, it doesn't need to be verbalized.
- The person who is able to control the tongue is able to control the whole body as well.

5 As a Man Thinks in His Heart, So He Is

Romans 8:18

- We can put on a kind face, and we can seem to be a certain way from the outward appearance, and yet inwardly not be that person.
- Does the Bible really say confession is good for the soul?
- For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
- Whatever suffering we're called upon to endure? That compared to glory, it's not even close.

6 Riches, His Great Love and the Humble Exalted

Luke 18:24; James 4:10; 1 Timothy 1:5

- We are all rich. We all have so much materially. Could it well be a hindrance to us?
- But God being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us. Even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ.
- We need to let the Lord do the exalting instead of being so concerned with promoting ourselves.
- Your conscience can be your guide, not Jiminy Cricket, but a conscience that is educated in truth.
- Is it true that ultimately the wrath of God will be revealed toward all ungodliness?

THE CHALLENGE

What is your confidence level in God's word? Do you strongly believe that obedience to the Lord is right? It's good, it's necessary, it's great for me that it saves, enlivens, and rewards.

MY NOTES