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## Living Life Right side up - *Luke 6*

### Intro

What does Jesus have to say about how we're living today in 2018?

If we're doing what Jesus calld us to do we would be turning this world on its head.

Often we don't believe in what Jesus says and therefore we dont attact the world as we ought to be!

Byron can fix refridges! And the word gets out he does a great job!

Jesus is the author of life! And he can show you how to live life to the fullest but you must listen to what he has to say.

### Luke 6:20

#### Context

Jesus has come down from a high place and into a valley.

Not the Sermon on the mount

The sermons are different

Jesus has already appointed his disciples

On of the first things Jesus does here is teach on money matters.

### Luke 6:20

This passage says "Blessed are the poor" not "poor in spirit". Here it is about money.

Matthew 5 is talking about a repentent heart.

Who are the poor?

The audience is made of poor villagers and laymen.

These are people who are wondering "How do I live with limited resources".

Remember *Isaiah 55:8-9* and that this especially that this applies to this context

Today we have a cultural Christianity not a biblical Christianity

Ages ago people took a vow of poverty. No where in scripture does it say you must be poor to be spiritual.

**Here Jesus is saying less is more!**

To be great today you must have a large portfolio! However, in God's kingdom! Less is more; we march to the beat of a different drum!

How is this true?

**Less is not more when**

**it is caused by idleness**

*Proverbs 14:23*

If all you do is sit on the XBOX and eat snacks and are poor this doesn't mean you are spiritual!!!

*2 Thessalonians 3:6*

Paul commands that we should work!

**Because of laziness**

*Proverbs 6:6-11*

Take an example from the ant! Prepare for life's events! Do not be lazy!

**Because of Recklessness**

*Proverbs 21:5*

**“hasty”** uwts

to be pressed, to hurry, to be hasty

refers to someone who doesn't budget but does impulsive spending

Shopping and spending can be an addiction!!! Because there is some how there is a deep void within them and they feel they can fill this void by the next great thing. We forget that Christ can fill this void!

**Because of worthless pursuits**

*Proverbs 28:19*

Be wise of what you do with your life. This describes someone who chases fantasies.

## **Less *IS* more when**

### **You refuse to compromise**

*Proverbs 28:6*

Because of your allegiance to God you refuse to drop your morals and integrity.

You always hold true to your integrity.

*Luke 3:10 - 12*

Do not take advantage of people! Even if it means you don't look very good on the outside at least your insides are rotting.

*Proverbs 16:8*

God looks with favor on pure, not full, hands

### **When coupled with contentment**

*Ecclesiastes 5:10*

The preacher here is saying that if you're so in love with money that you can't sleep at night because you are not content then this passage is for you.

This whole point of being poor is learning to live within your means!

Who you are is not based on what you have!

(Nor the degrees you have)

*Proverbs 14:30*

### **When you are generous**

*2 Corinthians 8:1*

Context: that the Macedonian church gave a huge gift to Paul. They gave liberally out of their poverty

One who is happy is the one who gives.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

*Luke 6:24*

This is describing the one who finds their comfort in what they own and what they do!

**“comfort”** “Parakaleo”

To encourage, to comfort

This is the final principle of kingdom living.

## Application

1. Find your consolation in God not money. Money
2. Money makes a lousy God
3. Live for the mansions to come!

*1 Timothy 6:6-10,17*

Work for the day of the resurrection of the dead!