

## 181 - The Father is after BEING, not DOING

Last Thursday morning, during our morning time together with the Lord, Barbara and I were talking about how differently the Father's approach is and will be to the world as He sends Barbara out to carry His light into a world that is darkened, blinded, deafened, and disabled, by dying humanity's preoccupation with its own survival.

I ask the Father to help me articulate what He's been showing me for a couple of weeks that I still find difficult to break down in to simple sound bytes; and I ask Him to impart a recognition and an understanding to you as I stumble through this tonight.

Human beings, without the life of the Spirit operating in them, are entirely occupied with DOING more, DOING better – just DOING – when it seems to me that the Father is focused on BEING, that is, He is focused on who we are, rather than what we do. He seems to show us who we are by pointing to what we are doing.

### **Mathew 11:**

*Then He begins to reproach the cities in which most of His powerful deeds occurred, for they do not repent [they do not change their minds – their characters remain the same].*

*21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the powerful deeds which are occurring in you occurred in Tyre and Sidon, long ago they **would repent**, sitting in sackcloth and ashes."*

The Lord was rebuking people who had seen miracles performed among them by His own hands and with their own eyes. What's the point?

DOING doesn't change who you ARE. Repentance, which we know is a literal change of mind, is something we DO, certainly, but its objective is to change us in our BEINGS. It's not enough to DO differently; indeed, DOING differently achieves nothing on the inside.

I am certain from the Scriptures that the Father alone changes a man or a woman's character, and that we free His hands to change us through our repentance. Furthermore, I'm also saying that repentance as you and I understand it, requires us to DO one thing only:

### **Matthew 6:33**

*seek first the kingdom and its righteousness*

As you and I also now know, the kingdom is within us; we are not awaiting its arrival, even though it will arrive physically; we are living in it right here, right now.

Look with me at the Lord's calling out the difference between BEING and DOING:

**Luke 11:37-53**

*a certain Pharisee is asking Him so that He should be lunching with him. Now entering, He leans back at table.*

38 Now the Pharisee, perceiving it, marvels that **He is not first baptized before luncheon.**

Stop right here: Baptism was something these people, the Pharisees, did; it was a religious ritual, which they no doubt taught to others. It didn't make them any cleaner on the inside. The Lord didn't observe this religious ritual – He was already clean and He did not require a ritual to demonstrate it. Are you with me?

39 Yet the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees are cleansing the **outside** of the cup and the platter, yet your **inside** is brimming with **rapacity** [the act of plundering or robbery] and **wickedness.**

40 **Imprudent** ones!

"You who act without reason, senselessly, foolishly, stupidly, rashly, and without reflection or intelligence." All of that is contained in the word **imprudent!**

*Does not He Who makes the outside also make the inside?*

41 However, what is within be giving as alms, and lo! all is clean to you.

This is the crux of our study tonight: an impartation, I pray, that who you are is of far greater consequence than what you do, because what you do on the outside is determined BY who you are on the inside. The Lord used – and still uses today, I believe – what someone DOES to show them who they ARE; that is, He shows them that their BEING is flawed because what they are DOING demonstrates those flaws. Furthermore, we can't DO enough to BE different. This is so frustrating for humans, because we are taught by EVERYONE to DO this and that; we're even told that if we DO better, we'll BE better; and in God's order of things, it's exactly the opposite!

42 "But woe to you, Pharisees! for you are **taking** tithes from mint and rue and all greens, and you are **passing by** judging and the love of God. Now these [that is, taking tithes] it was binding for you to do and not to be devoid of those [that is, taking into account judging and the love of God].

43 Woe to you, Pharisees! seeing that you are loving the front seat in the synagogues and the salutations in the markets. [Again, all outward appearance to which the Lord calls attention. Now, look what He says about it:]

44 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are as the obscure tombs, and the men who are walking upon them are not aware of it."

"This is what you look like," the Lord says, "because this is who you are."

45 Now, answering, a certain one of those learned in the law is saying to Him, "Teacher, saying these things, us also are you outraging."

This is a classic manifestation of an addictive personality: these people ALWAYS deflect any accountability for their condition, and blame someone else. So, listen to what one of the Pharisees said back to Yeshua, and we'll use the definition of the word, "**outraging**," in Greek.

The Pharisee says, "You are *“acting insolently and shamefully towards us and treating us shamefully. You are injuring us by speaking evil of us.”* The Pharisees, all the way through the end of the first century, as far as we know historically, NEVER accepted any responsibility for their own error, which became starkly obvious when John the Baptist showed up, followed by Yeshua. The ultimate deflection of blame came when the Pharisees tried Yeshua, provided false witnesses, insisted on His crucifixion and declared a curse on themselves and future generations before the Roman Governor, but, more importantly, they did it before YaHoVeH, Who had sent Yeshua to save them and to usher in His kingdom.

46 Yet He [Yeshua] said, "To you who are learned in the law, also, woe! for you are loading men with loads hard to bear, and you yourselves are not grazing the loads with one of your fingers.

"No one can live up to what you guys are telling everyone they have to do to fulfill the law and please God. Not only that, you don't lift a finger to help lighten that load!" This is a scathing rebuke, it seems to me, of everyone in religious authority, because religion focuses more on people's external DOING rather than their internal BEING.

47 Woe to you! for you are building the tombs of the prophets, yet your fathers kill them.

48 Consequently you are witnesses and are endorsing the acts of your fathers, for they, indeed, kill them, yet you are building their tombs.

49 Therefore, also, God's Wisdom said, 'I shall be dispatching to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will be killing and banishing,'

50 that the blood of all the prophets which is shed from the disruption of the world may be exacted from this generation,

51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the house. Yea, I am saying to you, It will be exacted from this generation!

Yeshua is really stinging here! He says, *"You are building the tombs of the prophets."* I feel certain that this is figurative language, since the people Yeshua was speaking to did not literally build the tombs of the prophets. I believe that Yeshua was saying something like, *"With your lofty speech in the synagogues, you've erected monuments to them."* Then Yeshua associates them with those who killed them, thereby revealing their inescapable hypocrisy.

*52 Woe to you who are learned in the law! for you take away the key of knowledge -- you yourselves do not enter, and those who are entering you prevent."*

This is truly fearful, isn't it? *"You are learned in the law, but you take away the key of knowledge. Not only are **you** not entering into knowledge, but you're making it impossible for anyone else to gain knowledge!"*

*53 And at His coming out thence, the scribes and the Pharisees begin to hem Him in dreadfully and to be quizzing Him concerning more things,*

Being determines doing, not the other way around. So, really all of Yeshua's efforts then were – and all of the Father's efforts toward you and me today is – to somehow get us to recognize who we are and repent; change our minds and come to the end of ourselves, because we are *helpless* to change who we are, He *alone* can do that.

Remember, **"My designs are not your designs, and My ways are not your ways"** (Isaiah 55:8). We think that we can be better by doing better, when, according to the patterns, precedents, and principles in the Scriptures, it's the other way around.

By the time the consummation gets here, we're *all* going to realize that everything has been about The Father all along. Talk about patience! His patience is unfathomable. When we sing, *"Our God is an awesome God,"* we don't have a clue, I think, what we're saying.

Now, it isn't that DOING isn't important; it most certainly IS, but the motivation for DOING, or the source from which DOING springs naturally from within a son or daughter of YaHoVeH, is what is of paramount importance.

Barbara has been thrust into the middle of a world of leaders recently, both those who are well-established and those who are up-and-coming. As she and I talk about what these folks are about, I have become persuaded that every human endeavor, whether religious or secular, is really a survival response; an effort to find and manifest a sense of purpose; an attempt, really, to postpone dying. We want to *matter* more than anything else, I

believe, and in our efforts to matter, we DO all kinds of things, from meditating by ourselves to motivating huge audiences to DO something, so that they can matter too.

The only reason, I believe, that Barbara has been thrust into the middle of all this is to provide, just as Yeshua did, an unmistakable contrast between the human preoccupation with DOING and the Father's focus on BEING. She's there because He sent her. She doesn't want anything from anyone, and people are naturally attracted to her, because everyone else is there because they want something from everyone.

The Scriptures are so full of instructions about what to DO that a religious person could easily think that the more he DOES for God, the better God will like him, and the better his relationship to God will be.

But, as we've seen, God uses what we DO to SHOW us who we ARE. Our Father is all about the being more than the doing. We see this in Abraham's example, when, after 100 childless years, Isaac is born, according to the word of the Lord; and then Abraham is told to sacrifice Isaac. Sacrifice is something to DO, but that's not what earned him God's greatest favor of being called His friend. Obedience was in Abraham's *character* – obedience was who Abraham WAS, and the sacrifice of Isaac was what He DID – or, more accurately, what he almost DID and would have DONE, but for the Lord's staying His hand. Abraham's obedience; that of Moses, David, and Yeshua's too, came OUT from them. They did not obey to become something or someone; They already were someone and obeyed because it was their nature to put the Father's will ahead of their own.

My Dad was the son of a very strict Southern Methodist Preacher in North Carolina. Behavior was everything to him, or at least that's how I perceived him as I grew up. When we visited my cousins once, my cousin, Johnny, and I went into the woods on our last day. We both knew that we were due back at a certain time, and we were late. Dad's elder brother, Uncle John, lit into my cousin like he had just committed the worst offense possible. Before we left, I said goodbye to Johnny, whose eyes were red and teary from whatever physical discipline that His dad had dished out. My dad had told me, in stern tones and in front of his brother that my lateness would be rewarded later when I would be forbidden from going to the beach, which was where we were headed for the next several days. Later, my mother told me that I would NOT be forbidden, but that my dad had acted like an authoritative father in front of his brother to keep his brother's respect.

I recall being relieved by the news, but I also lost a measure of respect for my dad, because he was willing to DO what he would not have otherwise DONE for the sake of

appearance. Without knowing it, my dad IMPARTED a character flaw to me that day. I didn't know it either, but I can recognize where I acted similarly at different times in my life later on. My dad imparted other character qualities too, but they all reflect those of a dying son of Adam, who is driving and striving for a sense of worth and purpose, rather than a living son of YaHoVeH, whose certain worth and unquestioned purpose are imparted to him by his Father in Heaven, Who regards this son as virtually equal in importance to His begotten Son, Yeshua.

Teaching seems to be something that humankind considers to be a credible pathway to wisdom, but when I look at the Scriptures, I see the Father IMPARTING His principles through the stories of real people and the examples of their lives; also in the imagery He reveals to His prophets. He IMPARTS His nature and His character through His interactions with people. He IMPARTS His purpose – immediate, shorter and long term – through prophetic vision. The Father seems, therefore, to regard IMPARTATION higher than teaching. To me, this indicates that IMPARTATION ACCOMPLISHES what teaching cannot: IMPARTATION reaches into our hearts, whereas TEACHING only reaches our minds. IMPARTATION gives us a *full* sense of Who the Father is, what He's after, and what He's up to.

Teaching is something men and women do, but it doesn't change hearts; it doesn't produce the best fruit. Imparting is what the Father does, and in the hearts and lives of those who RECEIVE His impartation, He works His character and even His nature into them. The process may be excruciating at times, but it's *always* effective and He *always* completes His purpose.

**Job 36:22** (ESV) - Behold, God is exalted in his power; who is a **teacher** like him?

CLV - Behold, El is impregnable in His vigor; Who is a **DIRECTOR** like Him?

**Exodus 4:12** (ESV) - Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and **teach** you what you shall speak."

A few versions read, "I will GIVE or TELL you what to say."

CLV - And now go, and I shall come to be with your mouth, and I will **DIRECT** you what you shall speak.

Here's an example of where the word, **teach**, is used correctly:

**Deuteronomy 5:31** (ESV) – *But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall **teach** them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.*

**CLV** – *As for you, stay here with Me, and let Me speak to you about all the instruction and the statutes and the ordinances that you shall teach them, so that they may obey them [actually the word is do, “so that they may **DO** them”] in the land that I am giving to them to tenant it.*

The first note to make here is that the Father **DIRECTS** people to **TEACH**; He imparts principles, He imparts His nature, His character and His purpose into the hearts of men and women. He also **DIRECTS**, guides, or leads. Why? Well. My take, for what it’s worth, is that the Father is after **OUR** nature and our character to be like His, so He imparts His for us to emulate. Impartation of the Father’s character forms the **BEING** – the character – of His sons and daughters. He leaves **TEACHING** to people about what to **DO**.

The second note to make here is that two different Hebrew words have been translated into most of the English versions people are reading today as if they were the same. Where the Concordant reads **TEACH**, the Hebrew word is “*lamad*” (Lah-Maad), which also means *train*, and even may used to mean *learn* – fascinating. Where the CLV renders the word, **DIRECT**, the Hebrew word is “*yara*” (Yah-Rah), also meaning *to point out, show, or instruct*.

Clearly, teaching and directing are different, and, as we have seen before many times in our studies, mistranslation leads to misunderstanding, which in turn leads to misapplication; and from there confusion and conflict grow like a cancer.

The third note to make is that **TEACHING** and **DOING** are linked in **Deuteronomy 5:31**: “*You shall **TEACH** them, so that they may **DO** them.*”

**Ezra 7:10** (CLV) – *For Ezra himself had prepared his heart to inquire of the law of Yahweh and to observe it [again, “**DO** it”] and to **TEACH** in Israel statute and ordinance.*

What is the Law of Moses if not a long list of what to **DO**? Even so, the law changed no one’s character. The matter of **DOING**, or obeying, if you prefer, comes through **TEACHING**. People are all hung up in the doing. Some of those with whom Barbara is working, according to the Father’s direction, are **DOING** at the top level of human performance, particularly in business and communication. Their **BEINGs**, however, are devoid of the Spirit, and so everything they **DO** is striving and driving to survive.

This is why Barbara is such a contrast in their midst, because she is there at the Father's direction; she is BEING His ambassador, so she doesn't DO what anyone else is DOING.

Character comes by IMPARTATION. Now let's look at *how* the Father imparts to us:

**Psalm 118:27** (ESV) – *The LORD is God, and He has made his light to shine upon us.*

CLV – *El is Yahweh, and He shall enlighten us.*

**Psalm 119:130** (ESV) – *The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.*

CLV – *The opening of Your words is enlightening, Making the simple proficient.*

**Psalm 119:135** – *Let Your face enlighten Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.*

Impartation comes by the Father enlightening us. Look throughout the Scriptures and we find that His enlightenment comes by revelation. Sometimes revelation comes to a single individual who is then accountable for heralding; then those who have ears to hear may hear:

### **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Yet wisdom are we speaking among the mature, yet a wisdom not of this eon, neither of the chief men of this eon, who are being discarded,  
7 but we are speaking God's wisdom in a secret, wisdom which has been concealed, which God designates before -- before the eons, for our glory,  
8 which not one of the chief men of this eon knows, for if they know, they would not crucify the Lord of glory.  
9 But, according as it is written, That which the eye did not perceive, and the ear did not hear, and to which the heart of man did not ascend -- whatever God makes ready for those who are loving Him.  
10 Yet to us God reveals them through His spirit, for the spirit is searching all, even the depths of God.

YaHoVeH IMPARTS by revealing, enlightening, directing, and instructing. He teaches, too, but through His Spirit:

### **1 Corinthians 2:12-13**

Now we obtained, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is out of God, that we may be perceiving that which is being graciously given to us by God,

13 which we are speaking also, not with words **taught** by human wisdom, but with those **taught** by the spirit, matching spiritual blessings with spiritual words.

Notice that Paul said He was **speaking God's wisdom**, which God first **reveals**, then **teaches by the Spirit**.

### **Psalm 98:2**

Yahweh has made known His salvation;  
To the eyes of the nations He has **revealed** His righteousness.

### **Isaiah 40:4-5**

Every ravine shall be lifted up,  
And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;  
The crooked will become straight,  
And the knobby terrain a valley.  
5 The glory of Yahweh will be **revealed**,  
And all flesh will see the salvation of Elohim.  
For the very mouth of Yahweh has **spoken**.

### **Jeremiah 33:4-6**

For thus says Yahweh Elohim of Israel concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah which were broken down for the earthworks and the ramparts, 5 while men came to fight against the Chaldeans, and to fill them with human corpses (whom I smote in My anger and in My fury and from whom I concealed My face, from this city, because of all their evil: 6 Behold, I shall bring up wholeness and health for it, and I will heal them and **reveal** to them the sweet-smell of peace and truth.

Go back with me to **Matthew 11**, after Yeshua lambastes Chorazin, Bethsaida for failing to repent after witnessing the miracles in their midst; and compares Capernaum to Sodom.

### **Matthew 11: verses 25-27**

25 At that season, answering, Jesus said, "I am acclaiming Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for Thou hidest these things from the wise and intelligent and Thou dost **reveal** them to minors.  
26 Yea, Father, seeing that thus it became a delight in front of Thee.  
27 All was given up to Me by My Father. And no one is recognizing the Son except the Father; neither is anyone recognizing the Father except the Son and he to whom the Son should be intending to **unveil** Him.

Interestingly, the CL-KC says that “**reveal**” pertains to things, while “**unveil**” applies to persons.

### **Luke 17:29-30**

Yet on the day in which Lot came out from Sodom, fire and sulphur rains from heaven and destroys them all.

30 In accord with these will it be on the day in which the Son of Mankind is **unveiled**.

Revelation, unveiling, and then “*manifesting*,” which means, “*made to appear*.”

### **John 1:29-31**

On the morrow he is observing Jesus coming toward him, and is saying, "Lo! the Lamb of God Which is taking away the sin of the world!"

30 This is He concerning Whom I said, 'After me is coming a Man Who has come to be in front of me,' for He was First, before me.

31 And I was not aware of Him. But that He may be **manifested** to Israel, therefore came I, baptizing in water."

<http://www.biblegateway.com/keyword/?search=reveal&version1=ESV&searchtype=any&startnumber=51>

I realized as I studied all this, that *Light Up the Scriptures* has often been more an impartation than teaching. As Barbara says, “*More is caught than taught*.” I notice that the further we go into these studies, the more impartation there is than strictly teaching. Perhaps that is because, by now, you who have been in these studies for over 3½ years, are perfectly capable to teaching yourselves; however, I believe that we are in a time when the Father is focusing His attention on our characters.

It would be well for us to undergo whatever process we yet must, before the Lord’s return, because the Days of the Messiah awaits each of us. How would you prefer to stand before Him in that day? For myself, I would *not* like to be found kicking the ground with embarrassment, like a kid who got called into the principal’s office. If today were my last day, I would like to close my eyes tonight, knowing that I have done all I was sent here to do, because it was my nature to do all, as my nature reflects His, to whatever degree that is possible.

I'd like to share with you a very practical and present time example of the principles we've discussed tonight. I am privileged to be used to minister to a very small number of men – less than a handful, in fact – some of whom you who are listening have never met. One called with an issue that could easily be found in any one of us today.

The morning after two lengthy phone conversations the previous day, I was directed to write the following:

Our second conversation yesterday troubled me through the rest of the day, and this morning, as I sought the Lord, I heard this:

"Seek the Lord for where, when, and why you began a pattern of lying to protect yourself, or because, at your core, you did not feel worthy of telling the truth."

The specifics of situations are unimportant, but the pattern is one of lying to protect yourself from some anticipated backlash that you think you would suffer if you told the truth.

This pattern got set up somewhere in your upbringing, either at home, at church, or both. I suspect you developed this as a survival mechanism, but it no longer works, and it threatens to compromise any advancement in the professional world.

I found it distressing that this pattern would manifest in the holy relationship between us, which the Father Himself ordered and established for the attunement of your character. I can only conclude that He has seen to it that you cannot hide from Him or me; however, my accountability stops when trust is violated, other than to point it out as I did yesterday.

Barbara has a great line about this: "*No one is worth lying to and nothing is worth lying about.*"

There is no condemnation here, but I believe that the Father will not let you rest until you die to this "thing" that you gave yourself over to, which may have protected you before, but also limited you in ways you cannot know.

I pray that a holy fear overtake you to bring you to actual repentance -- the literal change of mind -- which will give your Father in Heaven full reign over you in this, and perhaps other areas, which you have held back from Him.

This is the Father's agape -- His love that will stop at nothing short of your completion in Him.

Respectfully submitted for your prayerful consideration.

After reading this man's reply to my email, the Father pointed to one thing, which evoked a follow-up response:

One thing to look at, from your last email, where you wrote, "***I want to please God no matter what it costs.***"

Pleasing the Father is NOT about DOING or NOT DOING. It's about BEING. You were brought up to do more, all the while knowing you could not DO enough, and all your church experience built on, confirmed, and expanded that until it became an impossible burden.

Your worth is certain or you would not exist at all -- you can't improve on it, i.e., you can't be MORE worthwhile. Come as a child. It's no harder than that. Risk like a kid jumping out of a tree in a Superman suit made of his underwear, a t-shirt and a towel tied around his neck. You'll find all the other "kids" want to be Superman too ... and if they don't, then they don't get to climb your tree!

When you apprehend -- look it up -- that your Father is not looking for you to prove anything to Him, because He loves you right now, just as you are, you may find peace even in your shortcomings and your failures. Being the Father's son, as opposed to your earthly dad's son, does not require perfection; He never expects that -- He already sees that in and about you; rather, being His son develops MATURITY, which allows for mistakes and the inevitable missing the mark (AKA, "SIN") until you learn to walk without stumbling.

All that said, I pray you're fed up with skinned knees from striving for the impossible, and barely surviving with way-old and way-low living. I pray instead that you come to the realization of the actual life of the Messiah within you, and put on the new humanity, which is created in righteousness. When righteousness is who you are, rather what you do; your character and your behavior will reflect the image of the son of God back to the Father, and He will be all in you.

**John 5:14:** *"Lo! you have become sound. By no means longer be sinning, lest something worse may be coming to you."*

**John 8:11:** *"Neither am I condemning you. Go! From now on by no means any longer be sinning."*

The Lord never instructs the impossible; but first, the persons in both cases above, had to recognize that forgiveness and healing had already come. They had to BE different to DO different.

Now ... receive His forgiveness, and His healing, and get on with BEING His son,  
Brother!

All His,  
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Father, I pray tonight that each of us would receive the impartation of Your character and nature through your revelation, enlightenment, direction, instruction, within ourselves and throughout every aspect of our lives, if we would but have ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to submit, and determined wills to obey. Father, give us no choices but to bow before you, laying down all rights to ourselves and our lives in every area, and refusing to move unless and until You say where and when. Father, if I could, I would ask you to stop our minds from thinking, but that isn't your focus; rather, I ask that you make our lives so uncomfortable in the areas You are focusing on to refine us into Your image, that we stop our human tendency to DO – to drive and strive to survive – that we die to everything that is other than Your word, Your character, and Your nature. Holy Father, I pray that You will indeed stop at nothing short of the completion of us as beings of Your own kind; sons and daughters of unquestioned worth and certain purpose, all of which You determine. All the while, Father, may we keep our minds quiet to hear Your voice, and may we spring into action as You direct.

We bless you, Holy Father. We bless you, precious Lord Yeshua. May we stop *trying* to follow Your example and, instead, surrender into BEING YaHoVeH's son or daughter. May we focus on BEING rather than DOING, and discover DOING that comes naturally and inevitably from BEING your son or daughter, because it is our nature and comes out of our character automatically.

### **Jude 24-25**

*Now to Him Who is able to guard you from tripping, and to stand you flawless in sight of His glory, in exultation,  
25 to the only Elohim, our Saviour, through Yeshua the Messiah our Lord, be glory, majesty, might and authority before the entire eon, now, as well as for all the eons.  
Amen!*

### **Q&A?**

"May YaHoVeH bless you and keep you; May YaHoVeH light up His face toward you and be gracious to you: May YaHoVeH lift His face to you and appoint peace for you."