

"The Legality of Doing Good"

Mark 3: 1 - 6

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1. Ultimately, what is good?

And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?"

"Jesus answered, ^a "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

^b We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

...Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing." (John 9:3-7, ESV)

2. What does Jesus say is the source of your physical condition? Your sin or God's purposes?

3. What does Jesus say is the purpose of God in the Gospel?

4. What causes us to miss those things that are truly good?

But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart,

^a "But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." ^b Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ^c And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"'" (Luke 13:14-16, ESV)

5. What does it say when we value rules over the genuine needs of those who are bereaved?

6. What does it say when we value possession over the genuine needs of those who are bereaved?

7. How does Jesus demonstrate the value of the woman and what her deepest need was?

8. Who is it that does good?

and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

"But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'" (John 11:4, ESV)

9. What should be my attitude toward all that happens in my life?