

We have discussed the value of follow up: Matthew: More Opportunity. Peter: Miracles. Zacchaeus: Revelation...

Today we will look at Jesus going into the house of a Pharisee, and the practical benefit of that-

**Luke 7:36–43 (NCV)** One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, so Jesus went into the Pharisee's house and sat at the table.<sup>37</sup> A sinful woman in the town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house. So she brought an alabaster jar of perfume<sup>38</sup> and stood behind Jesus at his feet, crying. She began to wash his feet with her tears, and she dried them with her hair, kissing them many times and rubbing them with the perfume.<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who asked Jesus to come to his house saw this, he thought to himself, "If Jesus were a prophet, he would know that the woman touching him is a sinner!"

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to the Pharisee, "Simon, I have something to say to you." Simon said, "Teacher, tell me."

## I IMBALANCES:

**A-** There is a condition that every person is capable of; IMBALANCE

1. We can become imbalanced **in** Salvation, Marriage, Parenting, Finances, Interests, Evangelism, Convictions-
2. We can become imbalanced **by** Experience, Influence, Failure, Success, Reward, Blessing, Sin-
3. PWM: *Any truth taken to an extreme can become false doctrine...* I had to work that one out... Imbalanced-
  - a. Martin Luther; *Human nature is like a drunk peasant. Lift him into the saddle on one side, over he topples on the other side.*"

**B-** So here is Jesus, in the home of the Pharisee, the poster children of imbalance! And a moment takes place, where his imbalance come to the surface-

1. **Luke 7:39** When the Pharisee who asked Jesus to come to his house saw this, he thought to himself, "If Jesus were a prophet, he would know that the woman touching him is a sinner!"
2. See, Imbalances can be concealed to a degree and for a time, but eventually they will come to the surface-
  - a. That's the helpful part of follow up, you see where people are actually at! You see where the imbalances are-

## II HEARTS REVEALED:

**A-** Jesus tactfully addresses the imbalance- *This is a skill-*

1. What is the imbalance? There is **no** room for sinners... Now, there is an element of Truth to that, but its imbalanced
  - a. So Jesus addresses it; **Luke 7:40** Jesus said to the Pharisee... Simon's heart towards people was revealed.
2. But this scenario of imbalance can play out in many different ways; Marriage, Parenting, Media, Doctrine, Morals
  - a. Hearts become revealed in the home- issues rise, character rises, arguments, disagreements, pains, troubles-
  - b. And maybe they have been going about it imbalanced!

**B-** So how do you balance what is not? VERY TACTFULLY-

1. File it: You don't do anything with it YET... but you are aware, and you can begin to pray.
2. Speak to it using NON-verbal communication: shake your head no, withdraw yourself, crossed arms, change subject
  - a. They may come to you and say *I felt like you disagreed with that?*
3. You speak to it graciously: You ask questions to better understand, and then you can use examples to balance.
4. You may have to be hardline: Especially with rebellion.

## III BALANCE:

**A-** What we need is balance in us... we need to help people become balanced.

1. I was an out of balance Husband, Father, Disciple, and Pastor... But my Pastor helped me have a balance in every arena of life and with people!
2. This is something we need to Pray for (Jesus is the Lion and the Lamb)
3. This is something we need to work at: You have to be able to identify when you are out of balance.
4. This is something you can be: With God's help, and with proper guidance you can be balanced and produce balance in your spouse, children, NC's, ministry, relationships-