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~ Luke 6:46-49

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### **WAM Parent Companion Reading**

If you have your bible with you, find this verse and read it in context (Luke 6:17-49). This passage is also printed on the back of this paper. Select as much or as little of the passage as you’d like and read it through four times, focusing on the following each time:

#### **FIRST READ: ENTER**

Let the entirety of the passage wash over you on this initial read. Take note of the who, what, when, where, and why of the passage (Google, study bible reference, etc). Who is speaking? To whom? Where are they? What are the historical circumstances of this time period? Why is the author writing this passage?

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#### **SECOND READ: IMPRESS**

Read through the passage again and take note of any word, phrase, sentence, or verse that makes an impression on you.

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#### **THIRD READ: PRAY**

Before reading through this third time, spend a few moments in prayer thanking and praising God for His Holy Word. As you read, be prayerfully responding and interacting

with God about the text. Imagine you are simply discussing the passage with a friend as you read.

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#### **FOURTH READ: APPLY**

In this final reading, ask God how He wants you to apply this passage to your life. Do you get the feeling there is something you should start doing, cease doing, or continue doing?

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#### **FAITH 166 Application**

*Share your insights with your children and ask them what they learned from the verse. Take time this week to pray with each other and ask God to help you apply the lessons you each learned.*

#### **PASSAGE:** Luke 6:17-49

**17** When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon. **18** They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil[b] spirits were healed. **19** Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.

**20** Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. **21** God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh. **22** What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. **23** When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way. **24** "What sorrow awaits you who are rich, for you have your only happiness now. **25** What sorrow awaits you who are fat and prosperous now, for a time of awful hunger awaits you. What sorrow awaits you who laugh now, for your laughing will turn to mourning and sorrow. **26** What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds, for their ancestors also praised false prophets.

**27** "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who

hate you. **28** Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. **29** If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. **30** Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. **31** Do to others as you would like them to do to you. **32** "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! **33** And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! **34** And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. **35** "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. **36** You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate. **37** "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. **38** Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." **39** Then Jesus gave the following illustration: "Can one blind person lead another? Won't they both fall into a ditch? **40** Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher. **41** "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? **42** How can you think of saying, 'Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. **43** "A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. **44** A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. **45** A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart. **46** "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? **47** I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. **48** It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. **49** But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."