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How does Christ treat spirituality?

Principle one:

Christ _____ spirituality through
_____. Luke 5:33-35

Application one:

_____ disciplines to foster an
_____. cf. Phil. 4:9

Principle two:

Christ _____ spirituality through
_____. Luke 5:36-38

Application two:

_____ change as means to _____.
cf. Phil. 3:13b-14

TAKE HOME TRUTH

_____ is handled by holding onto
_____. Luke 5:39

To manage change...

- A. _____ that God orchestrates change.
- B. _____ that change offers blessing.
- C. _____ a period to mourn the loss.

Today's Core Belief:

Jesus Christ: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin – that He suffered, was crucified and buried, but rose on the third day, after which He ascended into heaven where He sits at the Father's right hand." (from Hebrews 1:3)



Deeper Connection Study

The third controversy story in this section shows the contrast between Jesus' disciples and the disciples of John and the Pharisees. Jesus uses the present conflict regarding fasting to reveal his kingdom agenda. Certainly, Jesus' new way of doing things threatens those who cling to the old ways.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Jesus Christ.

Read Luke 5:33-39 [par. Matt. 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22]

1. Who challenges Jesus and what is the conflict? Why is it a major issue for those questioning Jesus?
2. What illustration does Jesus use in response and how does it reveal the special relationship he has with his disciples?
3. What subtle hint does Jesus give about his future and why is it significant?
4. What 3 pictures does Jesus give for his parable (vv. 36-39)? What point is he making with each of these examples?
5. Why are people resistant to change? How much do you accept change?
6. How do you see God move in new ways that might unsettle traditionalists who are comfortable with the old ways?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for the opportunity to have a relationship with Christ. Ask God to help you grow in new ways and to have Jesus' perspective on how to live righteously.

21st Century Jesus

Luke 5:33-39



One thing that is true today is that Americans are experiencing a lot of change. Through social media, the way that people communicate has changed. What people believe and how they learn has also changed as result of the "information age." Where people live and where they work has changed because of technology and its impact on the global economy. In recent days the face of politics has changed, along with laws and individual's rights. Notably, this long list doesn't include the change in morality, values and faith the nation has additionally experienced.

The irony in this obvious shift is the great majority of people do not like change. It doesn't matter whether they are young or old, there is a collective disdain for change because it disrupts one's equilibrium.

This dilemma was present in the 1st century as well, which brought a conflict between Christ and the community. He had, and still has, something to say about the reality of change and its impact in our lives!