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Matthew 12:1-14 (NKJV)

**12**At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

**2**And when the Pharisees saw *it,* they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!”

**3**But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

**4**how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

**5**Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

**6**Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple.

**7**But if you had known what *this* means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.

**8**For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

**9**Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

**10**And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him.

**11**Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out?

**12**Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

**13**Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

**14**Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

*The Pharisees likes to keep the people under the law.*

# Matthew 12:33-37 (NKJV)

**33**“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit.

**34**Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

**35**A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

**36**But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

**37**For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

# Matthew 12:38-40 (NKJV)

**38**Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.”

**39**But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

**40**For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

*People prefer to be led by their feelings rather than what God says.*

# Proverbs 28:26 (NKJV)

**26**He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

# 1 John 3:20 (NKJV)

**20**For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

# Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

**5**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;  
**6**In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

*Begin, continue, work with purpose and plan with God.*

# 1 John 2:15 (NKJV)

**15**Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

*We need to love God, not the world, and being the world to God.*