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Scriptures, Questions, & Assignment

1. What did you learn from your study of Galatians 5:13-26 & 2 Peter 1:3-8 this past week?
2. What do our actions demonstrate? Why are we judged by them? What do your actions tell you about your life?

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT): *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.* (**Ephesians 2:8-10**, NLT)

Matthew 7:17-20 (NLT): *"A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit ... just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions."* (**Matthew 7:17-20**, NLT)

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT): *The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.* (**Galatians 5:22-23**, NLT)

3. What is the solution to hypocrisy in your life? Where do you need to focus your efforts?

Mark 7:6-7 (NLT): *"You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me ...'"* (**Mark 7:6-7**, NLT)

Matthew 23:2-5 (NLT): *“The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their example. For they don’t practice what they teach ... Everything they do is for show ...”*
(**Matthew 23:2-5**, NLT)

James 4:17 (NLT): *It is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.* (**James 4:17**, NLT)

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NLT): *And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.* (**Ezekiel 36:26-27**, NLT)

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.* (**Proverbs 3:5-6**, NIV)

Assignment

Spend a bit of time this week considering **Ezekiel 20:1-26**, and **Mark 2:23 – 3:6**. These are just a couple of the Bible passages that discuss the Sabbath. There are many others – here are a few more if you wish to explore: **Genesis 2:1-3**, **Exodus 20:8-11**, **Exodus 31:12-17**, **Leviticus 23:3**, **Deuteronomy 5:12-15**, and **Isaiah 58**.

- This week, read **Ezekiel 20:1-26**, and **Mark 2:23 – 3:6** several times – try reading them in several different translations.
- What do you find comforting in these passage?
- Is there anything about these passages that makes you uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?
- According to these passages what is the purpose of the Sabbath?
- Based on these passages, how should you relate to the Sabbath?
- What is the most important thing you are learning from these passages?
- How will what you have learned affect the way you live your life? Why?