

A CHRIST-LIKE CHRISTIAN **Luke 13:10-17**

Christ-like Christians are *a delight to God* and a *blessing to others*.

Jesus spoke very pointedly to the leader in charge of the synagogue and to those in agreement with his concept of spirituality.

He called them “**hypocrites**.”

Jesus demonstrates what it means to be Christ-like.

He shows us that the Christ-like person sees people.

I. CHRIST-LIKE CHRISTIANS “SEE” PEOPLE **Luke 13:10, 11**

A. It is the Sabbath and Jesus is teaching.

When He sees a woman suffering the severe crippling effects of an illness.

She has suffered with this illness for 18 years.

B. Imagine the courage & determination it took to get up and out and go to synagogue.

It would have been much easier to stay home.

C. Unfortunately, health often defines who we are.

She was a crippled woman. But Jesus saw her as a woman who was crippled!

* We can see a depressed person, or we can see a person who needs encouragement.

* We can see an alcoholic, or we can see a person who struggles with alcoholism.

* We can see an unemployed person, or we can see a person who needs a job.

D. The important thing to see in our text is,

Jesus did not see her disfigurement and turn away.

He was all about extending his hands to give her a lift up.

E. THAT IS THE CHRIST-LIKE RESPONSE.

II. UNCHRIST-LIKE CHRISTIANS SEE PROBLEMS RATHER THAN PEOPLE. **Luke 13:14**

A. The leader of the synagogue thought the woman could have waited until the next day to be healed.

Jesus did not let the leader of the synagogue’s hypocrisy slide.

Jesus condemned him in no uncertain terms.

B. This wasn’t the first time Jesus ran into this kind of opposition. **Luke 6:6-11**

The religious leaders were watching Jesus like a hawk.

They were wild with rage.

III. CHRIST-LIKE CHRISTIANS UNASHAMEDLY DEFEND THE DOING OF GOOD FOR OTHERS. **Luke 13:15-16**

A. Jesus pointed out that the same people who condemned him had no qualms about taking their ox or donkey out for drink of water on the Sabbath.

B. Jesus felt it was petty and hypocritical to care more for the animal than for the woman.

Surely, a sick woman merits as much compassion as a thirsty donkey.

Conclusion:

When it was all said and done,

the woman was well, and Jesus had put the hypocrites in their place.

Luke 13:17

GOD GETS NO GOOD OR GLORY WHEN PEOPLE PROFESS TO BE CHRIST-LIKE CHRISTIANS AND BEHAVE HYPOCRITICALLY.

GOD IS DELIGHTED BY THE GOOD THINGS CHRIST-LIKE CHRISTIANS DO FOR OTHERS AND THE GLORY OF GOD.