

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you had to take a stand for something because you knew it was the right thing to do. How did people respond to you?

2. Why is it impossible to be “neutral” in our spiritual lives?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about making the right choices:

- a) Joshua 24:15
- b) Psalm 32:8
- c) Proverbs 3:5-6
- d) Proverbs 15:22
- e) Proverbs 18:15
- f) Philippians 4:6-7
- g) James 1:5

4. What does Jesus say about making outward changes in our lives without there being an inward change?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)

- I am going to examine my life for any area where I may have tried to be “neutral” when I should be standing for the truth.
- I am going to share my faith with someone who is a skeptic.
- I am going to memorize Proverbs 3:5-6.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 11:14-28

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Study Series #052

A House Divided Cannot Stand

I. Introduction

A. The Patriot

B. The Myth of Neutrality

(See Luke 11:23; Matthew 12:30; Mark 9:40;
Revelation 3:15-16)

II. A House Divided Cannot Stand

A. The Purification

(See Luke 11:14; Matthew 12:22-30; Mark 3:20-30; Luke 4:35;
Luke 8:2; Luke 9:1; Luke 10:17; Matthew 9:33; Mark 5:20)

B. The Accusations

(See Luke 11:15-16; Matthew 12:22-30; Mark 3:20-30;
Colossians 4:14; John 7:20; John 8:48; John 10:20;
II Kings 1:2-3; 6,16; Hosea 2:16; I Kings 8:13; John 7:17)

C. The Explanation

(See Luke 11:17-18; Luke 5:22; John 2:25; Acts 19:11-16;
Exodus 8:19; Exodus 31:18; Deuteronomy 9:10;
Daniel 5:5-31)

D. The Illustration

(See Luke 11:21-23; Isaiah 53:12; Isaiah 49:24-26; I John 4:4;
Hebrews 2:14; I John 3:8; Luke 11:23; Ezekiel 34:13;
Luke 11:24-26; Matthew 12:43-45; Matthew 23:25-28)

*“There’s no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch,
every minute of every hour is claimed by God and counter-
claimed by Satan.”*

C.S. Lewis

E. The Clarification

(See Luke 11:27-28; Luke 8:21; Matthew 3:7-9; Luke 3:7-8)

Passage of Study Luke 11:14-28

¹⁴ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.” ¹⁶ Others, to test *Him*, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But He knew their thoughts and said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house *divided* against itself falls. ¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong *man*, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed. ²² But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder. ²³ He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.

²⁴ “When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and takes *along* seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.”

²⁷ While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed.” ²⁸ But He said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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