

LUKE'S FIVE "WHAT SHALL I DO'S?"

The question, "What shall I do?" is a sub-theme of the last half of the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 10:25-3 (The Self-Justifying Lawyer)

"What shall I do?" the Lawyer asked, "So I will never die?"
When Jesus said, "Obey the Law," he questioned His reply.
He tried to twist the Law's intent, but God is in control;
And no excuse a man can make can justify his soul.

Luke 12:17-2 (The Self-Sufficient Farmer)

"What shall I do?" the Farmer asked, "With all my extra crop?"
He built new bins to store his grain, and filled them to the top.
His self-sufficient attitude displaced God from his mind;
But when the Lord recalls our souls our goods are left behind.

Luke 16:1-9 (The Self-Serving Steward)

"What shall I do?" the Steward asked when all his faults were known.
He purchased friends with all the stuff he'd managed as his own."
The Lord confirmed the logic of the man's self-serving ways;
If life on earth is all there is, why not exploit our days?

Luke 18:18-27 (The Self-Righteous Ruler)

"What shall I do?" the Ruler asked, "To gain eternal life?"
"Don't lie or steal, respect your folks, be faithful to your wife."
"I've done all that," the man replied; "To earn eternal bliss."
But Christ's response dispels the myth of our self-righteousness.

Luke 20:9-18 (The Self-Sacrificing Father)

"What shall I do?" the Father asked, when His foreknowledge saw
Our sinfulness would be so great we couldn't obey the Law.
"I'll send My Son," to pay the price for everything they've done,
And sinners who repent will live by trusting in the Son.

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