

I Have Somewhat to Say unto You Do Good Works for Jesus

“36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. 37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. 40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. 41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. 42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? 43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. 44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. 48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. 49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? 50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.” (Luke 7:36-50 KJV)

The story of the woman who poured an expensive perfume on Jesus' body is mentioned in the four gospels with certain specifications in each one of them. Many they misunderstood that woman but Jesus saw her heart and approved what she did. When the Pharisee thought incorrect things in his mind Jesus told him in *Luke 7:40* *“I have somewhat to say unto thee.”*

“I have somewhat to say unto thee”: This is the Word of Jesus for you and for me. God wants to tell us lessons from His Word that we read. The Lord Jesus Christ while He was invited to the house of the Pharisee for a dinner He was met by a woman who lived a sinful life, who came to meet Him. What she did and why she had done it this is what we will be going to discuss in this message:

God wants to tell you something. God wants to teach you lessons from His Word that we can study from the above chosen passage and the life of that woman. Sometimes you think yourself better than others, but God wants you to be better in the following:-

1. Invite Jesus in your life and in your home: *“36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.” (Luke 7:36 KJV)* We need to invite Jesus in our homes and into our lives, we need to keep our hearts and our thoughts clean and pure, and we need to be ready to be taught and open to correction as Jesus did with that Pharisee.

2. No self righteousness: The Pharisee thought he was better than the woman but her deeds made her better than the Pharisee. And this is what Jesus said, *“16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.” (Matthew 20:16 KJV)* Do you get the point? It depends on how much your achievement with the Lord. It depends on how much we love God! *God does not want us to look down on others and despise them because we think they are less than us, but we need to be humble: “16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.” (Romans 12:16 KJV)*

3. Love Him much as your many sins have been forgiven: Jesus died on the cross for our sins. His blood was shed to wipe away our sins. That woman showed her love to Jesus as she repented from all her sins and trespasses. She left behind the sinful life and went at the feet of Jesus.

4. Love him much so that your many sins will be forgiven: *“47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.” (Luke 7:47 KJV)* What we conclude from here that her much love to God paved the way for her sins to be forgiven, and those who love him little their sins are forgiven little. That woman was forgiven much because she loved Him much. *S So we need to love Him as this woman loved Him. So let us come in repentance and pray with tears, and let us listen to His voice and obey His Word and commands and gladly follow His ways.* That goes also with what John the Baptist said, *“8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:” (Matthew 3:8 KJV)* Which means your repentance should be practical and translated into real needful works.

5. There is always an opportunity to repent from your sins, and that is what God wants you to do right now: Verse 42 of the chosen passage speaks about the moneylender who had cancelled the debts of the two persons that he owe them money, that means he forgave them. *“42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?” (Luke 7:42 KJV)* The same for the woman came to Jesus with tears of repentance there was forgiveness for her. *There is always forgiveness in repentance. There is assurance of forgiveness in repentance in coming to the Lord. “48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.” (Luke 7:48 KJV)* * Use the opportunity that today God is giving you to repent, and put in your mind that you should not repeat that sin again. * Some they consider adultery stealing and murder are sins, but also anger, gossips, pride, arrogance, lack of humility, telling lies, creating troubles to others are all sins and you need to repent from this sinful life style. The woman repented and justified by the Lord, but the Pharisee did not repent from his self-righteousness.

6. Love Him as He loved you: Jesus suffered and died on the cross for your sins. Our sins are forgiven in Him. He was buried but rose from the dead to give eternal life to those who follow him. *Love Him as this woman loved Him. Come and pray with tears of repentance. Listen to His voice and obey His commands and gladly follow His ways.*

7. Leave behind your sinful life That woman showed her love to Jesus as she repented from all her sins and trespasses. She left behind the sinful life, she was forgiven and went at the

feet of Jesus. And this is what Jesus wants to tell you: **Leave behind your sinful life and come to Jesus and receive forgiveness from Him, be at His feet with tears of repentance.**

8. Love God as He loved you in following the example that he is giving you: Jesus in showing the Pharisee a model better than him in what the woman did was admonishing him and rebuking him to do the same, **“44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.”** (Luke 7:44-46 KJV) Jesus gave to that Pharisee a proper rebuke; Jesus turned to the woman and in such he was telling to the Pharisee that he was more interested with her than with him, and in addition He told him, **“Seest thou this woman?”** (Luke 7:44 KJV) Jesus was showing him that woman which was a good example not only to the Pharisee, but as well as for us today to follow in our life and ministry. **In the same way God is telling to you, ‘Do you see this person?’ ‘Do you see this brother?’ ‘Do you see this sister?’ ‘Do you see Abel, Noah, and Abraham?’ ‘Do you see Sarah?’ God is teaching us through good examples of people and from the Scriptures.** Jesus was showing the Pharisee a model better than Him. **So you have to learn from the good examples, therefore you need to be teachable.**

9. Be willing to serve God is how to show your love to Jesus: * **The first service and good ministry that you do to God is your repentance when you humble down and renounce your sins.** * **Be willing to serve Him:** The washing of the feet is as that woman washed His feet with her tears is an act of humbleness and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the sake of the Lord. * **Before we repent from our sins we were serving Satan, but now as we come to Christ we ought to offer ourselves to serve God.** * **Washing of the feet is willingness to serve; willingness to be humiliated, and to be servants and not masters.** Jesus said, **“14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”** (John 13:14-17 KJV) The Pharisee was not willing to serve but the woman was willing. **We should be happy to serve God, and we need to be willing to serve Him and be thankful to Him that He counted us faithful and putting us in the ministry.** Therefore we ought to say, **“12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;”** (1 Timothy 1:12 KJV) **From now on commit yourself fully to worship God and to serve Him only.** Jesus said to the Pharisee, **“I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears,”** (Luke 7:44 KJV) **Washing of the feet is willingness to serve; willingness to be humiliated, to be servants and not masters.** We can read about the woman the following: **“38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.”** (Luke 7: 38 KJV) That woman came to Him after she repented. The woman was humble for she came from behind and from the feet side and not from the front and from His head, **“And stood at his feet behind him weeping”.** Jesus can see how humble she was because she was in repentance. Jesus was seeing her broken heart and contrite spirit from the way she behaved, **“17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”** (Psalm 51:17) **Humbleness is required so we can serve.**

Do you get the message? Humility is needed from now onward to serve God. The woman stood behind at His feet while the Pharisee sat in front on His head. **Some of you in the bad attitude that you have are sitting on the head of Jesus, and I pray that you repent of such.** Be willing to serve Him; don't sit at the head of Jesus, but be at his feet.

10. Cleanse your thoughts; your thoughts are spoken words to God: The woman was weeping of her repentance and appealing for the forgiveness of Jesus, while the Pharisee was judging Jesus and challenging Him that if He was a prophet would know the life of that woman: **“39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.”** (Luke 7:39 KJV) That was why when he thought of such we can read that Jesus answered him, **“40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.”** (Luke 7:40 KJV) **That is why certain times God do certain things in your life and you receive certain rebukes or troubles because Jesus is answering your non acceptable thoughts and correcting you.** So be careful even when you speak to yourself. Further Jesus rebuked Simon for his wrong thoughts and corrected him that such a woman had repented and so her sins were forgiven when he told him: **“47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.”** (Luke 7:47 KJV)

11. Be humble and willing to kiss His feet: Kissing the feet means surrendering to God, obedience and full submission to Him. She was kissing His feet and not biting them. Whatever Jesus was speaking she was listening, she was agreeing and her agreement she showed by kissing His feet. **When you disobey God then you are biting His feet.** While Jesus was speaking she was kissing His feet which means ‘Lord I will obey, I will do, I will follow, etc.’ **When you don't obey then you are biting the feet of Jesus.** **Be humble, change your life style and observe how you conduct your actions.** **Be humble to accept corrections from Jesus and start to obey Him, and that will be the way to kiss His feet.** **Be humble by willing to be transformed and to follow His will and not your will, by offering the parts of your body to God, and in renewing your mind with God's Word so that you will be transformed,** **“1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”** (Romans 12:1-2 KJV)

12. Be willing to offer your beauty and sacrifice it to God: **“and did wipe them with the hairs of her head,”** (Luke 7:38 KJV) The woman wiped the feet of Jesus with her hair. She was willing even to offer her beauty and sacrifice it to the Lord. **When we want to serve, in certain circumstances we get more hard time that even can affect our own physical fitness and beauty because we would have less sleep, less food and less rest or we will be exposed to the heat of the sun or the cold of the winter time that make us sick.** Some people are not willing to expose to sun light because their skin will become dark, or they don't like to walk long distance in order to serve God. **Therefore the willingness to sacrifice and not mind our own beauty must be there.** The woman who wiped Jesus feet with her hair, as a girl she care for her hair, wash it, shampoo it, put cream on it, and make it beautiful; but after being at Jesus feet she was no more concern about her beauty, ointment and make up, but she was willing to sacrifice it at the feet of Jesus in order to serve God and care for His things.

13. Don't be stingy with Jesus: The Pharisee who invited Jesus to his house did not give him what he ought to give, that was why Jesus reprimanded him, *"thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment."* (Luke 7:44-46) He did not give water to Jesus to wash his feet, he did not kiss Jesus, and did not anoint Jesus' head with oil. He was withholding to give to Jesus. Many people they will withhold their gifts and talents and efforts from Jesus. I always when a new graduate from our school finish his study, I say praise God he will help me in my work of writing to edit with me and will help me in the ministry, but after that most of them I don't see any more, they will withhold even to come and see them, even all their skills and talents from God, **but they are not aware, and you are also not aware, the more you are withholding yourself and your skills and talents from God and from the church and from serving Him, the more then you are suffering and in trouble.**

14. Giving much and giving much of the best of what you have are required: That woman offered to the Lord Jesus Christ a very expensive perfume. She offered and poured at Jesus' feet a very expensive ointment. She did not put little but much. She gave much of expensive ointment. *"7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat."* (Matthew 26:7 KJV) In other place of the gospels it is mentioned the price of the perfume which is equal to one year wages. So big is what she offered to Jesus because she valued the great things that He had done for her. He died for her on the cross and took her sins and shame. **Therefore in the same way value what He had done to you and give what is due for Him. We need to do outstanding things that deserve recognition. We need to give much of expensive things for God.** The Bible tells us how much she gave to the Lord. In *Matthew 26:7* it speaks about, *"of very precious ointment"*, but in John it says how much what she gave equal, *"5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?"* (John 12:5 KJV) a pence or a penny a day was the wages of a laborer as we read here, *"2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard."* (Matthew 20:2 KJV) Let us now calculate: Six days work per a week except the Sabbath, and there is around fifty weeks in a year, then in one year will be: $6 \times 50 = 300$ days, so according to *John 12:5* this woman gave, *"three hundred pence"*, so what she gave cover the wages of one year; a one year salary. So big was what she offered to Jesus because she valued the great things that He has done for her. *** In the same way we need to value the precious things that He had done for us. He died for us on the cross and took our sins and shame; therefore we need to give what is due for Him. * People and you if you know how to buy cars, lands, build houses, travel and spend much on such, then they and you should be willing to give as that woman gave to Jesus.**

15. Do beautiful and good works for Jesus: *"10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me."* (Matthew 26:10 KJV) Jesus said about the woman that she has done good work on Him. Therefore you need to do good works for Jesus. **Ask yourself now have you done any beautiful thing to the Lord.** In *Matthew 26:13* The Lord said about the Woman: *"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her."* *** We need to do outstanding things that**

the Lord will approve and commend and that will be spread to encourage others to do outstanding and beautiful things for the Lord that deserve recognition that whenever the gospel would be preached what we had done would be remembered in memory of us.* The time now has come to you to do something beautiful and good work to the Lord, that whatever the gospel would be preached what you have done would be remembered in memory of you.

16. Be Genuine in faith; purity in heart and motive is needed in your service to God: The story of this woman also we read in the Gospel of Mark, *"3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head."* (Mark 14:3 KJV) In verse 3 we can read, *"ointment of spikenard very precious"*, the Greek word for 'spikenard' is 'Pistikos', which means pertaining to belief, having the power of persuading, skilful in producing belief, trusty, faithful, that can be relied on. **Let us reflect that on ourselves. Purity before God is required. Not only we need to do good work but also our motive should be clean, pure, with a genuine motive and without any hypocrisy, malice and corruption as that Pharisee who invited Jesus into his house.**

17. Do certain works that the whole church will be refreshed and blessed: *"3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment."* (John 12:3 KJV) The woman which is here Mary the sister of Lazarus whom Jesus raised from death, when she poured the ointment of spikenard the house was filled with the good odor of the ointment. Do certain good things that will be a refreshment and blessing and good news to all those in the house of God and the house of faith. **Do not do naughty things, and repent of your sins and don't let the bad smell of your pride, arrogance, laziness, stubbornness, your worldliness and immoralities be spread and disturb others and the church.**

18. Do purposeful giving which is required: *"7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this."* (John 12:7 KJV) Judas Iscariot disturbed the woman but Jesus said, *"Let her alone"*, so He defended the woman, to protect her, and to approve what she did and not to be disturbed again. And further Jesus explained the purpose of her giving, *"against the day of my burying hath she kept this"*, so that ointment was used and was saved for that good purpose. So it was intended that she should save this ointment for a good purpose. **So there is a purpose to keep aside certain precious things and are to be given to God in due time. Therefore, we need to be wise in such matter and purposefully do such things.**

My Dear and Beloved: *"48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. 50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."* (Luke 7:48, 50 KJV) **Come now to God and repent of all your sins and wrongdoings, cleanse your mind and heart and be pure and genuine in faith toward God and be willing to give your life and all what you have for Jesus and start to serve Him so you will hear your sins are forgiven, "And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven."** Jesus sent the woman with blessings and the same today He is sending you with blessings:

First, Jesus sent the woman and sending you with the assurances of forgiveness "Thy sins are forgiven".

Second, Jesus assured the woman and is assuring you of your salvation, “And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee;”

Third, he sent her and he is sending you in peace, “go in peace.”

God is going to do the same with us if we do the same of what that woman did. Now, do you really value what great things Jesus had done to you? Are you willing to give Him your heart and your life? Are you willing to give Him all your strength and your body's beauty? Are you willing to give Him the best of your time? Are you willing to give Him the best of your money, your tithes, your firstfruits, your love offerings and your help to the poor? If your answer is ‘Yes,’ then you truly love Him.

“49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?” (Luke 7:49 KJV) Jesus is God, He is our God and that is why we worship Him and serve Him. **Let us pray ...**

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose again from death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word to me, for you has given me hope and enlightened me with the truth. Lord thank you for your Word that I received in this message that showed me myself and what is going in my life, and thank you for all your rebukes, corrections and admonishments.

Let us confess and renounce our sins. Confess your pride, arrogance, self-righteousness, looking down on others, wrong assumption, and wrong judgmental attitude. Repent of your immoralities. Repent of your stubbornness and non willingness to amend your ways. Repent of your withholding yourself and non willingness to offer yourself, your life, your gifts and skills and all the material you have to God. Repent of your non willingness to suffer for Him and for His service. Repent of your non willingness to give to God your tithes, offerings and your firstfruits and the rest of what God is asking from you. Lord I am coming back to you, I repent and turn away from the following sins _____ , lord forgive me and receive me in your kingdom.

Lord I humble myself down at your feet, willing to give up my sins and willingly offering all my life and my body's parts to serve you. Lord I commit myself to be faithful to you in my life, obeying your Word and commands, and not forgetting what you had done to me. Leaving my old life of sin and willing to follow you. Lord I commit myself to serve you and to do your will till the end of my life. Lord help me to be humble. Lord help me to do something beautiful to you; help me to honor you and do something that will be remembered wherever the gospel is preached in memory of me and will last forever. Lord I am willing to give you the following as my purposeful giving to you _____ .

Lord thank you for my brethren who committed their lives unto you and to the principles that we learned from this message. Lord fill them once again with the Holy Spirit and use them to go on and serve you and proclaim your Word to others.

Lord bless us as a church and Lead us to give you what is due for you and what you are asking from us. Lord help us as a church to do the very genuine, the authentic and the pure things that you want us to do to honor you and do the works of yours faithfully; that will be remembered and last forever. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit to go on and serve you. Lord

help us to go and evangelize reaching new people and planting new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord help us to fulfill the vision of the church ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God’. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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