

Curing the Hardened Heart; Mark 3:1-6

I. Questions from the Text

1. For what reason did the Pharisees watch Jesus' interaction with the man with the withered hand? (v.2)
"So they might _____."
2. Jesus asked them "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do _____ or to do _____, to _____ life or to _____?" (v.4)
 - a. What was their response? _____
3. Jesus became _____ and grieved at the _____ of their _____. (v.5)
4. After Jesus healed the man's hand the Pharisees immediately began to _____ on how they might _____. (v.6)

II. The Problem of Hard Hearts

5. Pharaoh would not listen to Moses because his _____ grew _____. (Exodus 7:3)
6. The nation of Israel would not listen to God because they were ___ P ___ N ___ and ___ R ___ - H ___ R _____. (Ezekiel 3:7)
7. The people had become hard-hearted so Jesus spoke to them in _____. (Matthew 13:13-15)
8. Jesus' disciples often misunderstood Him, in Mark 8:17 He asked them, "Is your _____ still _____?"
9. According to Proverbs 28:14 what will happen to the hard heart? _____

III. Cemented Thoughts

10. In Matthew's account of the story Jesus concluded that it was _____ to do _____ on the Sabbath. (Matthew 12:11-12)
11. List two modern occasions in which hard-handedness can be easily seen:
(1) P ___ L ___ T ___ S (2) R ___ L ___ G _____
12. "For he who is not _____ us is on our _____." (Luke 9:49-50)

IV. Curing the Hard Heart

13. What is powerful enough to penetrate a hardened heart? (Hebrews 4:13)

The _____ of _____

14. In keeping the letter of the law the Pharisees had forgotten about what was really important. What were these things? (Matthew 23:23)

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

15. And be _____ to one another, _____, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ _____ you. (Ephesians 4:32)

16. What should we do if we have a complaint against each other? (Colossians 3:12-14)

a. _____ is the bond of _____

(1) And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. (2) So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. (3) And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." (4) Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. (5) And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. (6) Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him. (Mark 3:1-6)