

When Life is Empty



43When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. Matthew 12: 43-45

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I want ask you a question. Are you a Christian? If the answer is yes, then I have another question for you; Have you sinned since you became a Christian? If you are honest with yourself, the answer to that question is also yes. I realize that having to admit that you have sinned is nothing to brag about and my purpose for asking that question is not to lay a guilt trip on you, but merely to share the scriptural truths with you that “None is righteous no not one.” Romans 3:10 and “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

What’s the point? Well, there are people who we have come in contact with or may come in contact with, who desire to be a Christian, but fear that their perception of what it means to be a Christian is more than they can live up to or that their lives are unworthy to become one. They truly want to believe, they want to be righteous, but because of sin, they refuse to commit. Because of sin, they can’t make the decision. Because of sin their sense of unworthiness blinds them and stands in their way. What a miserable place to be. What a horrible emptiness to live with: wanting something, that they believe can make a positive difference in their lives, but are too afraid that who they are or who they think they have been, will not

allow them to take hold of it. This is reality for some people. It may have even been your reality at some point. I point this out because you can now stand as a beacon of light and hope for some of those who are still sitting on the fence, still on the outside looking in. You are living proof that in spite of yourselves, Christianity is possible! You can convince them that Christianity is possible for them too. You can help them see that the only difference between them and us is that we are sinners who have been saved by grace! Their lives don't have to be empty. There is no worse feeling than to be empty. To be empty! It is like going all day without eating, not because you are on a diet, not because you're just too busy. These are a temporary conditions, when you finish the diet, you can eat. When you finish your work, you can eat. But when you can't afford to eat and you have no idea where your next meal is going to come from, that's true emptiness. And it may not be hunger for physical food, it may be emotional or psychological hunger that is the reason for your state of emptiness. When one finds him or herself in a state of hopelessness or despair that is a dangerous form of emptiness. Why? Because when one is in this condition, they will try just about anything to fill up that empty space. The tragic reality is stuff and things cannot fill you up **When Life is Empty!**

Such is the case of the individual in our scripture for today. In this Parable Jesus describe a man whose life was indeed empty. It had been filled with an evil spirit. The problem with evil spirits is they can never fill you up. No matter what you do; there is no amount of lying, cheating or stealing that can fill you. You cannot drink enough, smoke enough, or do dope enough; it always makes you want more. Well, such was the case with this man. Somehow, he was able to break with his old habits. But because he wasn't able to find a suitable replacement to satisfy the emptiness created by the vacancy of his old habits, he went back to his old ways. Knowing that the old ways would not be enough to fill that emptiness, he picked up even more bad habits to go along with what he had been doing, and the end result was that he was in an even worse condition now than he was at the start. It is a dangerous condition **When Life is empty!**

You cannot fill an empty life with just any thing. God has placed within the soul of each of us a special place that only He can fill. No matter what you may want to try, it won't fill that place. Sin will try to deceive you into thinking that it can fill that place, Far too many have tried it and the result is always the same: you wind up empty. Nothing can fill God's place but God! **When Life is Empty,** let Jesus fill you up. He

declares *“I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”* John 6:51

53... Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood; ye have no life in you.

Without Jesus, your life will remain empty!

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.”

Any life, absent of Jesus is an empty life. Let Jesus fill it. He will be your bread when you are hungry, He will be you water when you are thirsty. He will not only fill you up, he will also complete you. He will make you whole from inside out.

Listen to Him *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any*

man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

Jesus is telling us that there is no need for any life to be empty. He is standing at the door of our hearts and is knocking; all we have to do is hear His voice and open the door and He will come and sup with us and fill that emptiness with His love.