

## Hardened Hearts Grieve the Lord

Mark 3:1-12

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### I. *When is the right time to do right? Mark 3:1-4*

Jesus not only gives rest from the brokenness of life in our broken world; but, Jesus can also make \_\_\_\_\_, the things that have been broken in our world!

- It is never too late to start doing the right things; don't let procrastination keep you from doing the things that can \_\_\_\_\_ your walk with the Lord.

### II. *Righteous anger. Mark 3:5*

*God is love; He so loved the world that He gave His only Son;* but the Lord is also angered when people \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts. **Ephesians 4:18**

- In **Ephesians 4:26**, the command is not to "\_\_\_\_\_ anger"; but, we are instructed to **be angry**, without sinning.

After conviction comes from the Holy Spirit and our conscience; the flesh has a tendency to begin to \_\_\_\_\_ our actions and to default into self preservation instead of repentance.

### III. *An enemy of my enemy. Mark 3:6*

The Herodians were a political group of people who were \_\_\_\_\_ of the Scribes and the Pharisees. They were willing to throw away, everything the religious leaders were devoted to.

- *"Most of the Jews despised Herod and obeyed his laws reluctantly, so it was surprising that the Pharisees, who were strict Jews, would join with these disloyal \_\_\_\_\_."* (Wiersbe)

### IV. *The crowds seek Jesus. Mark 3:7-12*

*"It is wonderful for people to be attracted to Jesus. But if their focus is on what He can do for them instead of \_\_\_\_\_ He is, they will not follow Him for long."* (Guzik)

- *"Jesus is not God's Son in the sense of a human father and a son. Jesus is God's Son in the sense that He is God made manifest in \_\_\_\_\_ form."* (gotquestions.org)

### V. *Conclusion.*

We have received a new heart and a \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, which is to be displayed in personal relationships; first with the Lord and then with others.

## Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Read **Mark 3:1-4**. *Why were the religious leaders watching Jesus so closely? Do you think they knew Jesus could heal the man with the withered hand? Why was it such a problem for these Pharisees to have Jesus heal on the Sabbath? Luke 6:7, Colossians 2:16-17, Romans 14:5, 1 Corinthians 9:20*
2. *What is meant by the Biblical term, "hardened heart"?* **Ephesians 4:18, Hebrews 3:13, Exodus 8:15, 9:12, 2 Chronicles 36:13**
3. Read **Mark 3:5**. *Does the fact that Jesus got angry and grieved contradict what the rest of scripture teaches about the Lord? What is righteous anger?* **1 John 4:8, John 3:16, Ephesians 4:26-27, James 1:19-20, John 2:17, Mark 10:14, Proverbs 14:29**
4. Read **Mark 3:6**. *Who were the Herodians? Who were the Pharisees? Why is it odd that these two groups would form an alliance? What was these two groups' common goal?* **Luke 6:11, John 7:48-49, Matthew 12:23-24, John 2:13-17**
5. Read **Mark 3:7-12**. *Why did the crowds seek Jesus? Why did Jesus want the unclean spirits to not make him known? What does the term, "Son of God" tell us about Jesus' identity?* **Philippians 2:9-11, John 1:1-14, Colossians 1:19-20, John 8:57-59**
6. Discuss the conclusion of this sermon. **Ephesians 4:30, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 2:10**