

“Good Intentions And Following Through”

Lesson Text: **Luke 9:57-62.**

I. What Are Good Intentions?

- Intention: “What one intends to do or bring about; determination to act in a certain way;”
- They Are Similar To Goals, Plans, & Anything We Resolve To Do.
- We May Have Intentions To Do Better Than We Have In The Past:
 - To Exercise, Lose Weight, And Eat Healthier.
 - To Be More Generous, Kind, And Loving To Others.
 - To Be A Better Wife Or Husband Or Son Or Daughter.
 - To To Better With Our Money & Finances.
 - To Do Something Kind For Someone Today.
 - Start A New Business, A New Hobby, Or Gardening....
- Good Intentions Are What Is Beneficial To Ourselves And Others.... For Good.
- What Greater Good Can One Do Than Doing God’s Will?

II. Why Do We Make Good Intentions?

- They Are Often Made When Men And Women Hear God’s Word.
- Many Heard Jesus Preach The Gospel:
 - **Luke 9:57-62.**
 - **Luke 19:8-10.**
- Preaching & Teaching Calls Us To Obey God’s Will.
 - To Be A Better Follower Of Christ. **John 8:31-32.**
 - To Increase My Knowledge Of The Bible. **2 Peter 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:15.**
 - To Attend Faithfully The Services Of The Church... **Acts 9:26-28.**
 - To Share The Gospel With Everyone I Know. **Mark 1:17; Romans 1:13-16.**
 - To Be Christ-Like In All My Ways. **1 Corinthians 11:1.**
 - To Give Up Worldly Treasures For The Spiritual Treasures. **Acts 19:18-20.**
 - To Obey The Gospel And Live God’s Way. **Acts 2:40-42.**

III. Good Intentions Mean Nothing Without Follow Through.

- **Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46.**
- Rich Young Ruler- **Luke 18:18-23.**
- The Two Sons- **Matthew 21:28-32.**
- Felix In **Acts 24:24-25.** But Did He Ever Follow Through? **Vs. 26-27?**

IV. Following Through With Our Good Intentions.

- It Takes Good Planning With Desire To Follow Through. **Luke 14:28 (NKJB; ESV).**
- It Takes A Certain Level Of Knowledge To Accomplish. **Ephesians 5:17.**
- It Takes Action On Our Part To Make It A Reality. **Hebrews 6:10-12.**
- It Takes Prayers To God To Help Us Fulfill Our Intentions. **Matthew 21:22.**