

Cold-Hearted Religion (Matt. 12:9-14)

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Parallel passages: [Mark 3:1-6](#); [Luke 6:6-11](#)

The Trap

Jesus went to the _____ to expose and confront the religious leaders on their own territory.

Notes on the man's hand:

Withered =

Jesus took the _____ and told the man, "Rise and come forward" before he even asked for help!

Heal =

The fact that they asked Jesus about the lawfulness of healing on the Sabbath means that they acknowledged Jesus' _____ to heal!

That they might accuse =

They were not looking for _____, but for a way to find fault with Jesus.

The Lord's Response

Jesus' illustration involved a _____ cost.

They valued their _____ and possessions more than they valued human life.

A _____, made in the image of God is to be marked of more importance in our sight than *any other* _____ thing.

Who needs a *law* to tell them to do _____?!

Even after Jesus' brilliant argument and illustration, the response of the religious legalists was that they kept _____.

The Pharisees were captive to the sinful illogic of their heartless, unscriptural _____.

Good =

Anger =

Grieved =

Hardness of heart =

Even in His anger, our Lord was also _____ over their sin.

Jesus made no physical effort, healing the man with only His _____.

The Response of the Cold-Hearted

The Pharisees didn't rejoice because they valued their _____ more than they valued people.

Neither the power of Jesus' _____ nor the power of His _____ broke the stone cold hearts of the religious elite Pharisees.

Conspired against =

Destroy =

The religious Pharisees and the secular Herodians shared the same spiritual bankruptcy...they had disregarded God's Word for their _____.

Legalism is the ruthless enemy of _____.

Their underlying hatred was because Jesus is _____ and they were not.