

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Sunday 8:30 & 10, Feb 1, 2026

Week 27 Feb 01.2026: Luke 11:5-28 A House Divided Cannot Stand

Luke 11:5-8 A Friend Comes at Midnight (Very Late), Parable (Story or Fictional Illustration) of the Persistent Friend)

Luk 11:5 And He(Jesus) said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him (your friend) at midnight (very late) and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves (of bread);

Luk 11:6 'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey (visiting me), and I have nothing (no food) to set before him'(to eat);

In Jesus day, having nothing to set before a guest who visited was not acceptable, they were to take care of their guest.

Luk 11:7 "and he (your friend) will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me (or do not bother me); the door is now shut (locked), and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise (get up at this late hour) and give to you (get you anything)?

Luk 11:8 "I say to you, though he (your friend) will not rise and give to him (you) because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence (he keeps knocking) he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

Application: We as believers should go boldly before God with any need, for God is more merciful and caring much more than any human (Heb 4:16)

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Luke 11:9-13 Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking (Mat 7:7-11) Parable of the Good Father

Luk 11:9 "So I say to you, ask (keep asking in prayer), and it will be given to you; seek (keep seeking), and you will find; knock (keep knocking), and it (the door) will be opened to you.

The Greek uses present imperatives (asking, seeking, knocking) to emphasizes persistent constant prayer.

The Parable of the Persistent Widow (keep asking)

Luk 18:1 Then He(Jesus) spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

Luk 18:2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

Luk 18:3 "Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

Luk 18:4 "And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

Luk 18:5 'yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "

Luk 11:10 "For everyone who asks (keep asking persistently) receives, and he who seeks (keeps seeking persistently) finds, and to him who knocks (keeps knocking persistently) it (the door) will be opened.

Seek God today

Isa 55:6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Isa 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

Isa 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

As we pray and ask things, may are prayers be in line with God's will, and Gods Word.

Luk 11:11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? (No), Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent (snake) instead of a fish? (No)

Luk 11:12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? (No, of course not!)

Common foods bread, fish, eggs at that time and common dangers stones, snakes and scorpions.

Luk 11:13 "If you then, being evil (being a sinner, saved by grace), know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask (and keep asking) Him!"

Parallel passage in Matthew says give good things to those who ask Him

Mat 7:11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights (**the Creator of the heavens**), with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning (**He never changes, He is perfect in all His ways**).

Luke 11:14-23 A House Divided Cannot Stand (Mat 12:22–30; Mark 3:22–27) His Power Not from Satan

Luk 11:14 And He(**Jesus**) was casting out a demon, and it was mute (**the demon was controlling the man so he could not speak**). So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute (**man**) spoke; and the multitudes marveled (**they were amazed, struck with extraordinary wonder, mouth-dropping, speechless moment**).

Crowds marveled, saying, It was never seen like this in Israel

Mat 9:33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "**It was never seen like this in Israel!**"

Mat 9:34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

The multitudes weren't just surprised; they were shocked because they had witnessed three miracles at once: a demon cast out, a man's muteness (**speech**) healed, and his blindness restored (**Mat 12:22 adds**).

Parallel passage from Matthews adds he was blind

Mat 12:22 Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, **blind and mute**; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

Mat 12:23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

Mat 12:24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

Luk 11:15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub (**the power of Satan**) (**also 11:18, 19**), the ruler (**or prince**) of the demons (**Beelzebub means "master of the house" and refers to Satan, a deity worshiped in the Philistine city of Ekron: Baal Zebul, lord of the high places, also Baal Zebub, lord of the flies**).

The religious leaders could not deny the reality of the miracles Jesus did, so they attributed Jesus miracles and empowerment to Satan (sometimes people lie or deceive others so they can be right how wicked, application how important is it for you and me to be right, we need to have a teachable and correctable spirit, an attitude of having to be right is at odds with God, James 4:6 & 1 Pet 5:5)

Luk 11:16 Others, testing Him (**trying to catch Jesus doing something against their understanding of the law or tradition so they can accuse Him**), sought from (**or demanding from**) Him a sign (**Jesus knew that no sign would convince a person who was unwilling to**

believe, to believe?) from heaven (to prove or validate His authority and where He got His credentials).

Jesus had done so many miracles, but miracles, signs and wonders don't save a person

Miraculous Feeding

Feeding the Five Thousand: Using only five loaves and two fish, Jesus provided a full meal for a crowd of thousands, with twelve baskets of leftovers remaining. (Luke 9:10–17)

Authority Over Sickness and Death

Raising the Widow's Son: At the city gate of Nain, Jesus stopped a funeral procession and commanded a dead young man to "young man, I say to you, arise!" (Luke 7:11–17)

Healing the Centurion's Servant: Demonstrating authority even from a distance, Jesus healed a dying servant simply by speaking the word, without entering the house. (Luke 7:1–10)

Cleansing a Leper: Jesus reached out and touched a man "covered with leprosy," an act that would typically make one "unclean," yet the man was instantly healed. (Luke 5:12–16)

Healing the Paralytic: To prove his authority to forgive sins, Jesus commanded a paralyzed man lowered through a roof to "get up, take your mat and go home." (Luke 5:17–26)

Authority Over Evil Spirits

Exorcism in the Synagogue: Early in his ministry, Jesus commanded an unclean spirit to come out of a man in Capernaum, leaving the crowd amazed at his authority. (Luke 4:31–37)

Healing the Gerasene Demoniac: Jesus cast out a "Legion" of demons from a man who had lived among tombs, restoring him to a "right mind." (Luke 8:26–39)

Luk 11:17 But He(Jesus), knowing (or realizing) their thoughts (by HS), said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation (will itself be destroyed, laid waste), and a house divided against a house, falls (will fall apart).

Luk 11:18 "If Satan also, is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand (survive)? Because you say (or claim), I cast out demons by Beelzebub (the power of Beelzebub).

The idea that Satan was using Jesus to do his business by casting out his evil followers was ridiculous, foolishness.

Luk 11:19 "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons (your Jewish exorcists) cast them out? Therefore (for this reason) they will be your judges (they will condemn you for what you have said).

Mat 12:27 "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons (your followers) cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.

A example of Jewish exorcists in the book of Acts

Act 19:11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul (**God did unique, uncommon, extraordinary supernatural miracles**),

Act 19:12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Act 19:13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."

Act 19:14 Also there were "seven sons of Sceva", a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

Act 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

Act 19:16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Act 19:17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Act 19:18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.

Act 19:19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Luk 11:20 "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you (already in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ).

The beautiful imagery showing God is the master craftsman, creator and designer

Psa 8:3 (**Psalm of David**) When I consider Your heavens (**creation**), the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

Psa 8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

Psa 8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

Psa 8:6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

Exo 8:17 And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exo 8:18 Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast.

Exo 8:19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.

The kingdom of God is at hand

Mar 1:14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

Mar 1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Luk 11:21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace (his possessions are safe, undisturbed and secure).

Luk 11:22 "But when a stronger (man) than he comes upon him and overcomes (attacks and overpowers) him, he takes from him, all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils (his goods, belongings, as distributes them as he desires).

Jesus has overcome Satan

Mat 12:29 & Mark 3:27 **Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.**

Jesus has overcome the strong man by being stronger and more powerful.

Isa 53:8 He (**Messiah**) was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

Isa 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked--But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

Isa 53:11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Luk 11:23 "He who is not with Me is against Me (everyone not believing, trusting, obeying in Me as Lord and Savior of their life is at odds with me and that includes anyone who has not made a decision for there is no neutral ground), and he who does not gather (assist, participate in ministry) with Me, scatters (away from me).

Parallel passage:

Mat 12:30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me, scatters abroad.

Luke 11:24-26 An Unclean Spirit Returns (Mat 12:43-45)

Luk 11:24 "When an unclean (evil) spirit goes out of a man (person), he(unclean spirit) goes (roams) through dry places (waterless places), seeking rest (searching for a place of rest); and finding none, he(unclean spirit) says, 'I (unclean spirit) will return to my house (the person) from which I came.'

Luk 11:25 "And when he(unclean spirit) comes (returns), he finds it(his person, his former home) swept and put in order (garnished).

Luk 11:26"Then he(unclean spirit) goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked (more evil) than himself, and they (evil spirits) enter (the person) and dwell (live) there (making that person, their home); and the last state (final condition) of that man (person) is worse than the first."

Cleansing from a demon should be followed by believing in Jesus and having Him be your strong man, and followed by obedience to God's word.

Eph 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

Luke 11:27-28 Keeping the Word

Luk 11:27 And it happened, as He(Jesus) spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him(Jesus), "Blessed (owe how happy and favored by God) is the womb (your mom) that bore You (gave you birth), and the breasts which nursed You (feed you milk)!"

Luk 1:28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

Luk 1:48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Luk 11:28 But He(Jesus) said, "**More than that** (even better than that, my mom who birthed me), **blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it** (obey, observe, live by it and put it into practice)!"

Luk 8:19 Then His mother and brothers came to Him(Jesus), and could not approach Him because of the crowd.

Luk 8:20 And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You."

Luk 8:21 But He(Jesus) answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

Heb 5:14 But solid food (meat of the Word) belongs to those who are of full age (spiritually mature), that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (obeying Gods Word & putting into practice you will be able to distinguish between right and wrong decisions).

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Simple Biblical Chart for Christian to Stay Away From

<u>Category</u>	<u>Warning</u>	<u>Key Verse</u>
Die Self: Exalting Self	Self life enslaves-practices sin, die to self	Luke 9:23
Sexual Immorality Stay pure;	no sex outside marriage	1Cor 6:18
Lust / Pornography	Guard your eyes & thoughts	Matt 5:28
Drunkenness	Is sinful, reduces reason, stay out of bars,	Eph 5:18
Sorcery, Drugs	Say no to mind altering drugs like pot ...	Deut 18:10–12
Idolatry	Don't put anything above God	1John 5:21
Love of Money	Don't chase riches or material things	1Tim 6:10
Greed	Be content, not grasping for world things	Heb 13:5
Unforgiveness	Forgive quickly	Matt 6:14–15
Bitterness	Don't let resentment grow	Heb 12:15
Gossip / Slander	Watch your words	Eph 4:29
Anger Outbursts	Control your temper	Prov 29:11
Pride	Not willing to repent when sinning	James 4:6
Lying / Deception	Speak truth, don't lie & be untrustworthy	Eph 4:25
Bad Company	Wrong friends will corrupt & deceive you,	1Cor 15:33
Laziness, wasting time	Be diligent, work hard, be faithful	Prov 6:9–11

Simple Chart to Keep You Close, Abiding in Jesus & His Word

<u>Positive Habit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Key Verse</u>
Love God	Put God first & obey His Word,	Matt 22:37
Love Others	Treat others with kindness	John 13:34–35
God First, Self-Die	Crucify old nature vs walk in New nature	Luke 9:23
Pray Daily	Talk to God continually	1Thess 5:17
Read the Word	Feed your spirit & soul	Josh 1:8
Obey God	Do what Scripture says	James 1:22
Walk in Faith	Trust God, not fear	Heb 11:6
Be Humble	Think less of self, ask God for wisdom	Phil 2:3
Forgive Quickly	Release offenses have a forgiving heart	Eph 4:32
Give Generously	Have a generous heart, share with others	2Cor 9:7
Serve Others	Be helpful and kind	Mark 10:45
Be Thankful	Practice gratitude , be thankful	1Thess 5:18
Confess Sin	Willingness to repent, Keep a clean heart	1John 1:9
Stay Pure	Keep your mind and body clean	1Tim 5:22
Be Diligent	Work hard for the Lord	Col 3:23
Walk in the Spirit	Live by the Spirit's power	Gal 5:22–23