



[Luke 14:3-6](#)

(3) Then Jesus answered and spoke to the doctors of the law and to the Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" (4) But they were silent. And after taking hold of him, He healed him and then let him go. (5) And He answered and said to them, "Who among you shall have a donkey or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately pull it out on the Sabbath day?" (6) But again, they were not able to answer Him concerning these things.

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It is interesting to notice that, in reality, Christ is always in control. Here Jesus takes the initiative to direct the argument to provide Him the opportunity to teach the [truth](#) and glorify [God](#). He asks the question first, not the Pharisees. As had happened before, His questions are so clearly and cleverly stated that His adversaries find themselves unable to answer. They cannot answer Him truthfully, or even at all, for fear that they will condemn themselves for what they are—unloving, self-seeking hypocrites ([Luke 14:6](#)). Being publically silenced and humiliated only irritates them more, and so they anxiously wait for another opportunity ([Matthew 12:14](#)).

The [wisdom](#) from above that Jesus exhibits is obvious ([James 3:17](#)), and His approach, straightforward. He opens the subject for discussion Himself, anticipates any and all objections from His antagonists, and with a simple direct question, appeals to their conscience, [love](#), and professed beliefs ([Luke 14:3](#)). Overmatched, "they [can] not answer Him regarding these things" (verse 6).

Whenever people reject Christ, as these Pharisees and lawyers do, they have trouble knowing and recognizing the obvious in important areas of life, especially the spiritual area. Today, many people like this demonstrate an inability to answer simple but important questions like, for instance, "Where do we find true fulfillment in life?" This shows the great need in our society for people to accept [Jesus Christ](#), not more legislation or other government programs.

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