

Things That Are Lacking **Luke 9:37-62**

I. Lack of Confidence – 9:37-43

1. Severe case of demonism – 37-39
As Jesus came down from the mount - 37
Crowds of people gathered around Him
Man came with demon-possessed son – 38
This son was his only child
Evil spirit was in control of this son – 39
Causes him to cry out in pain
Tears him and causes him to foam at the mouth
Bruises him and seldom leaves him
2. Disciples could not help him – 40
Begged disciples but they could not help
3. Jesus chided them for their lack – 41
In 9:1 Jesus gave them power over demons
Much of our failure in ministry is lack of faith
Confidence that God is able to use us
4. Jesus cast out the demon – 42
Restored the child, gave him to his father
5. People were amazed at God's power – 43
In awe as they saw Jesus perform miracles
This led to another lack in the disciples

II. Lack of Comprehension – 44-45

1. Disciples struggled with Jesus' words – 44
Let this sink down into your ears
What He said about victory over demons
But even more what He said about crucifixion
2. He told them but they did not grasp it - 45
Note what He said in 9:22
3. They were afraid to ask Him about this - 45

III. Lack of Condescension – 46-48

1. Focused on personal greatness – 46
As He spoke of suffering they focused on self
Which of them would be the greatest?
2. Jesus used a child to teach humility – 47
The greatest is the one who is least
One who is truly humble
3. Seeing value in a humble spirit – 48
Receiving a little child in Christ's name

IV. Lack of Compassion – 49-50

1. Spirit of sectarianism – 49
Saw one casting out demons in Jesus' name
Forbid him to do it because he was not with us
2. Jesus said, "Do not forbid him" - 50
He that is not against us is for us

V. Lack of Control – 51-56

1. Jesus is focused on Jerusalem – 51
He is fixed on completing His mission
He must suffer and die to provide salvation
2. Sent disciples to prepare His way – 52

3. Samaritans did not respond – 53
Knew He was just passing through
4. James & John wanted to retaliate – 54
Shall we bring down fire from heaven on them?
Like Elijah did
5. This is out of line with His mission – 55-56
He did not come to destroy lives but to save them
They went on to another village
Which is what He said in 9:5

VI. Lack of Commitment – 57-62

Three would-be disciples illustrate this

1. Leaving personal comforts – 57-58
Are you willing to leave these behind?
2. Dealing with personal obligations – 59-60
After my father dies I will follow you
3. Pull of personal relationships – 61-62
What relationship takes priority?