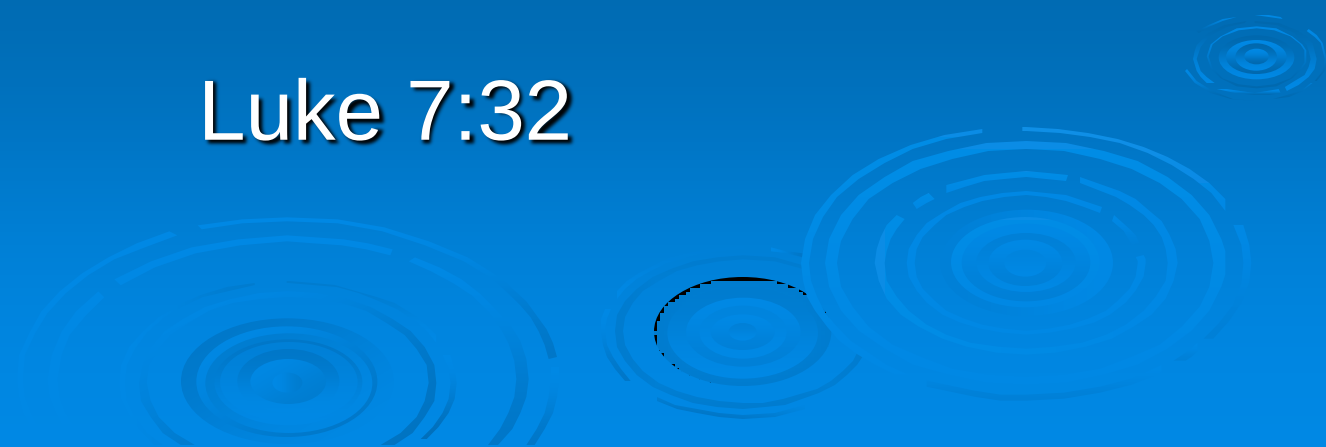
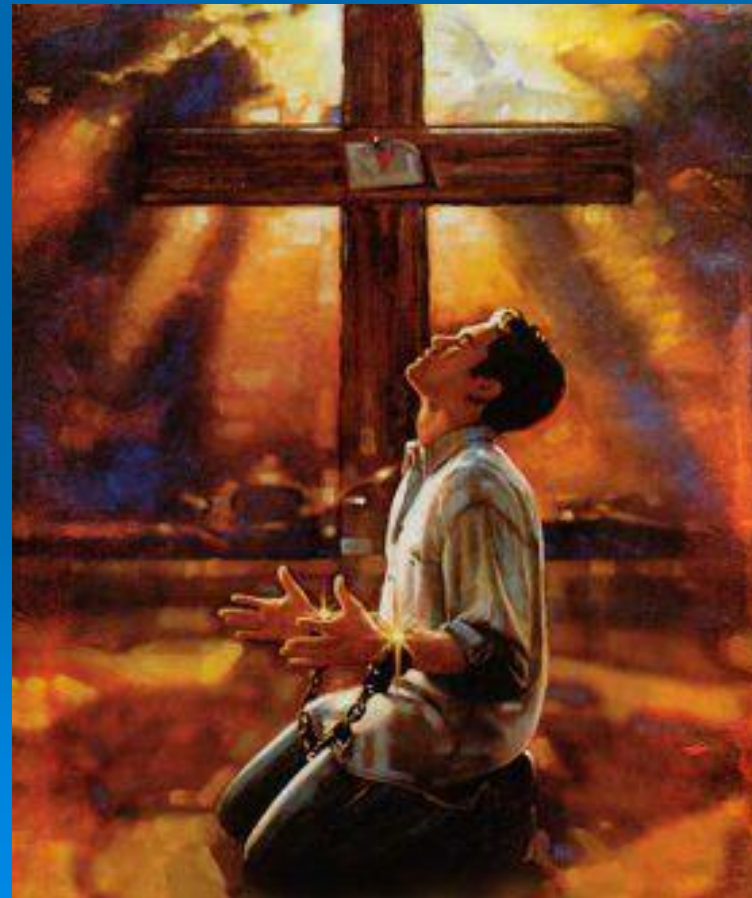


**“We played the flute for you,
And you did not dance; We
mourned to you, And you
did not weep.”**

Luke 7:32

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Why can not I experience the “renewed” life?



1. Practicing the same; reaping the same!

- How do I pray and honor God in my life?
- Am I praying to connect and asking to receive or just checking prayer off on my checklist?
- “Then he read from it ...from morning until midday”
Nehemiah 8:3. “And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was *standing* above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up” *Nehemiah 8:5*
- *New life needs energy*



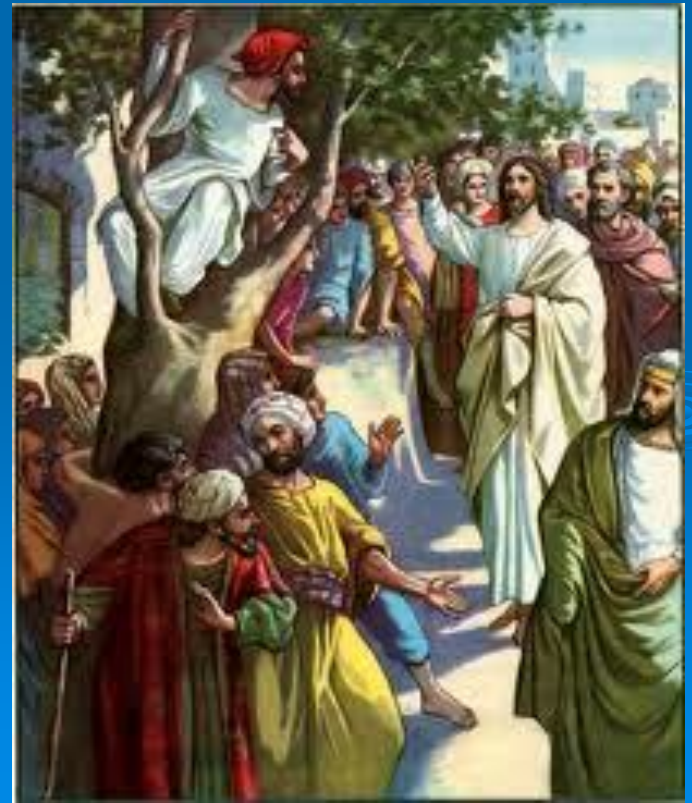
2. Built-up frustrations from previous negative experiences

- The incomplete or inconsistent life (*the lukewarm style*)
- The practice that keeps the letter, but is void of the Spirit
- The time factor
- *New life needs hope and patience*

**NO LUKEWARM
CHRISTIANS IN
HEAVEN.** see Rev. 3:16

3. Having lower expectations in what is not seen

- What do I gain from watching Him passing through the city? (the question that could have hindered Zacchaeus)
- *New life needs faith*



4. Settling upon wrong convictions

- “Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed’”

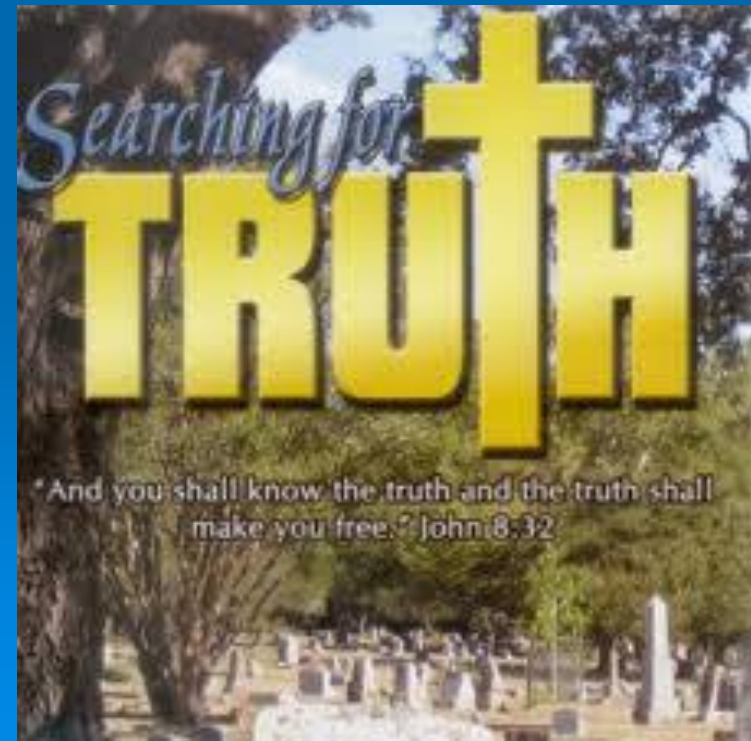
Matthew 25:24

- The Pharisee who prayed in the temple
- *New life requires us to be rid of the old*



5. Not seeking to know, or just knowing for the sake of knowledge

- How much do I care to read, to understand, and to live by what I know?
- *New life needs us to know the Truth and live by it.*



6. The obstacle of the beloved sin

- “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand” *Matthew 12:25*
- *New life needs purity and holiness*

