



“If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?”

Matthew 12:26



How did the Lord Jesus face opposition?

*“For consider Him who endured such
hostility from sinners against
Himself, lest you become weary and
discouraged in your souls” Hebrews 12:3*

1. He resorted to objectivity and logic

“And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges”

Matthew 12:27



2. He remained silent

“And the high priest arose and said to Him, ‘Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?’ But Jesus kept silent” *Matthew 26:62-63*



3. He responded with the Scriptures

“But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”’” *Matthew 4:4*



4. He exposed the motives ⁽¹⁾

“He said to them, ‘Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so’”

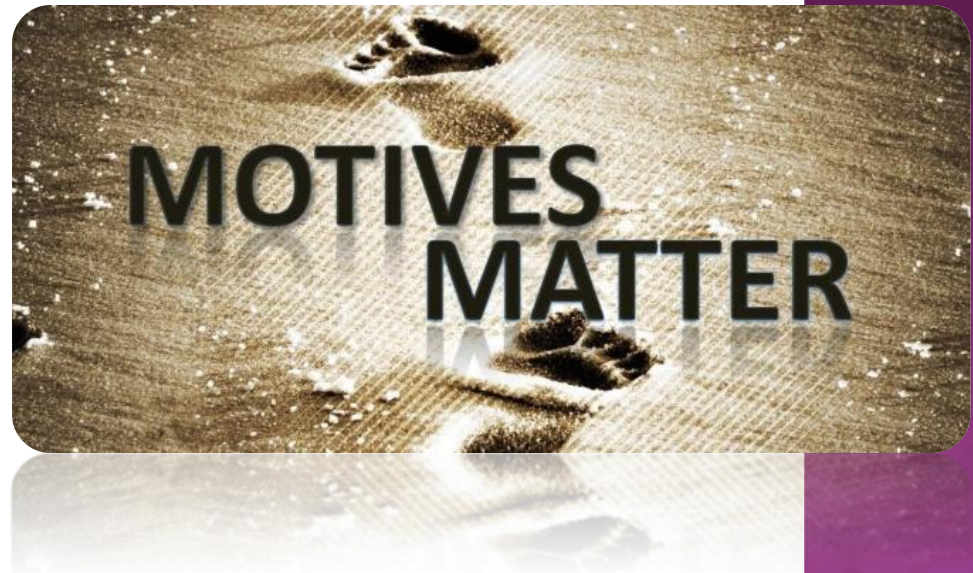
Matthew 19:8



4. He exposed the motives (2)

“I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you”

John 8:37



5. He reminded with principles ⁽¹⁾

“And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’”

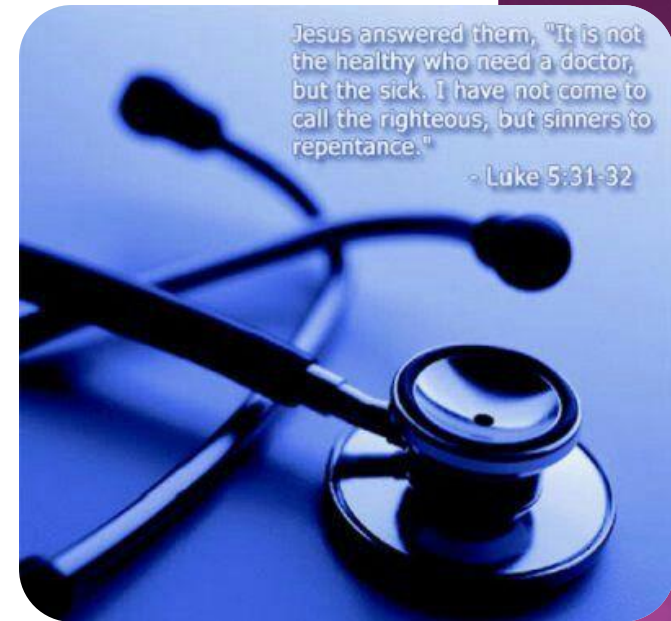
Mark 12:17



5. He reminded with principles (2)

“When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance.’”

Mark 2:17



6. He never accepted accusations against others

“Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, ‘Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?’ He answered and said to them, ‘Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: “This people honors Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.”’”

Mark 7:5-7



7. He defended the weak and the despised

- “Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much” *Luke 7: 47*
- “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first”

John 8:7



8. He answered with a question

“So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Step forward.’ Then He said to them, ‘Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?’ But they kept silent” *Mark 3:2-4*



9. He sought peace

“But Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword’”

Matthew 26:52



10. He taught with humility

“And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ So he said, ‘Teacher, say it.’

There was a certain creditor who had two debtors...”

Luke 7:40-41

