**“Doing Good”**

**Acts 10:38**

Jesus is the perfect example for us to follow, Phil.2:5ff; Heb.3:1-2. He went about *“doing good.”* Certainly in His case, as God (Col.2:9), such included wielding supernatural/divine powers of healing, exorcism, cleansing, etc. Obviously our emulation of these things is limited to that of which ***we*** are capable, Eph.5:1-2. But such is really not the point I’d like us to briefly consider this evening. Instead, think with me about…

**The Prerequisites for *Doing Good:* What does it take to be able to truly “do good”?**

1. **Knowing “Good”**- ***understanding*** what is “good,” Matt.9:9-13; Heb.5:14. Think about it: How do we know what “good” worship is? So, how do we know what “good” is generally and otherwise, cf. Rom.12:2.
2. **Feeling “Good**”- not “feeling well” as in “not sick,” but having “good/right” ***emotions***, Matt.9:36; John 11:35; Matt.11:2-11; and even in Matt.21:12-13,14.
3. **Thinking “Good**”- spending time ***contemplating*** “good” and the doing of it, Matt.14:10-14; Mk.6:30-32.
4. **Praying “Good**”- here “good” ***thoughts and feelings*** come together in prayers for “good,” Matt.5:44; Rom.12:18-21; Matt.6:10. Time after time we see Jesus going to be alone in prayer, Matt.14:21-23.

**Maybe at least part of the real reason we don’t “do good” like Jesus has nothing to do with the lack of miraculous power, but the lack of *knowing* good, *feeling* good, *thinking* good, and *praying* good.**