

Superficial or Superfaithful
Luke 18:1-8
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Thesis: I want to show what the Bible says about superficial people.

- Intro:
1. Consider with me the definition of superficial
 2. How would we define superfaithful?
 - a. A student of God's Word
 - b. Faithful in attendance
 - c. Faithful in obedience

I. Superficial followers in the Bible

A. **Matthew 13:20-21**

1. Some think its going to be easy.
2. **1 Peter 4:12-13**

B. Those who followed Christ in hopes of physical gains.

1. **John 6:26**
2. Those who follow Christ seeking physical or earthly pleasures are an example of superficial or "fake Christians".

II. Superficial followers today

A. I love the LORD!

1. Excuses, excuses, excuses – Moses had them too.
2. **Exodus 4:10** and many other excuses

B. Remember the phrase actions speak louder than words...

1. A empty seat speaks volumes and it's the easiest problem to remedy
2. **Matthew 22:1-5**

C. A superficial Christian cannot fool everyone

1. A superficial Christian may fool the neighbors, members, even the church leaders.
2. However, we cannot and will not fool God. (**Gal 6:7**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. All or nothing.

1. God does not want a half-hearted follower – (**Rev 3:14-16**).
2. Remember the words of Christ? (**Lk 10:27**)

B. Superfaithful?

1. God comes first; Enoch walked with God (**Gen 5:24**) & so did Noah (**Gen 6:9**).
2. Are you walking with God? (**John 15:14**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Are you superfaithful to God, or just superficial.
2. The difference is of eternal consequence (**Heb 5:9**)

3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9