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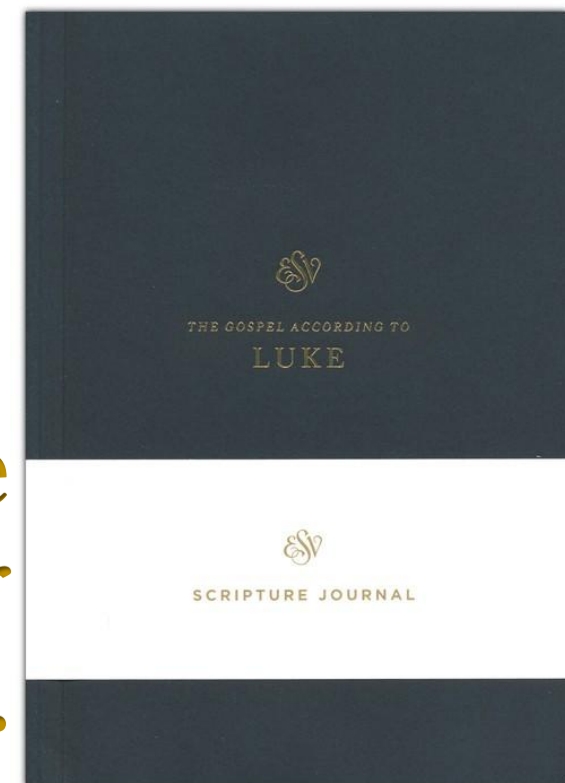
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Turn with us to LUKE 3:8

Found on page 858 in the
Bible under your seat or
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LUKE 3:8

Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our Father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

Two Common Pitfalls

Sin.

False hope.

LUKE 3:8a

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3:8 NLT Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God...

LUKE 3:8b

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And do not begin to say
to yourselves, 'We have
Abraham as our Father.'

How does my walk with
God mirror theirs?

JOHN 8:39b

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“Abraham is our father.”
Jesus said to them, “If you
were Abraham’s children,
you would be doing the
works Abraham did...”

LUKE 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

LUKE 18:9-14

10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus:

LUKE 18:9-14

‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

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¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

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¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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How does my life
mirror theirs?

There is a delicate
balance between
what God is doing and
what God has done
in our lives.

EPHESIANS 1:13

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In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

SEALED

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(from Greek ἐσφραγίσθητε)

to stamp with a signet or
private mark for security
or preservation.

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The bravest prayer you can pray is, “God, search me and know me and show me if there is anything in my life that offends You.”

Telltale Signs of a Religious Spirit

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- 3 Unrepentance
- 4 Pride

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