

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Heart Searching"
Luke 6:39-45
Study-24

Luke 6:43 "Bad fruit does not come from a good tree, and good fruit does not come from a bad tree."

God Calls His Disciples and hearers to do some "Heart Searching!" Scripture encourages us to examine ourselves in our relationship with God. (Integrity)

Paul is speaking to the Corinthians **1 Corinthians 11:28,31;**
2 Corinthians 13:5

"The Sermon On The Mount" Luke dedicates one chapter and Matthew dedicates three chapters.

Luke 6:17, 20 Jesus was ministering to the disciples but also to the people that would listen.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Disciples of Jesus Must Examine And See Ourselves As We Truly Are Or We Will Be Of No Use To God."

- 1. Verse 39 Who Will I Follow?**
- 2. Verse 40 What Will I Become?**
- 3. Verses 41-42 Can I Help Others?**
- 4. Verses 43-44 Am I Fruitful?**
- 5. Verse 45 What Is My Treasure?**

1. Verse 39 Who Will I Follow?

Luke 6:39 And Jesus left off speaking about the supernatural love that God has given to His disciples. We are commanded to love and to love unconditionally. **Luke 6:37** In this portion of the sermon, Jesus wants His disciples to judge properly. **Luke 6:38**

The standard that we meet out we will also meet. That if we are stingy with our time, our service, our resources, then we should not expect a bumper crop at harvest time.

"Parable"- is made up of two words, "Para"- *alongside*. "ballo"- *to throw or cast, to cast alongside*. A story used along with teaching to illustrate a point, to grab the listener's heart.

to them: Luke 6:20 turning His gaze on His disciples, He began to say, Disciple – "Follower of the teacher and His teaching" Luke 6:17 a great throng of people

Question #1 "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he?"
The answer is clearly **NO!**

A guide better be able to see before he attempts to lead others: This is a reference to the Pharisees (religious leaders).
Matthew 23:24 "You blind guides,

Are we blind? How can we guide others to Jesus?

Question #2 Will they not both fall into a pit?
The answer is clearly **YES. Jesus is making it clear here that we had better be careful who we follow!**

Holy Spirit – **John 16:13**
Through Prayer - **Ephesians 1:18-19**
Meditating on the Word. **Psalms 119:105**
The Word opens the eyes and illuminates the thinking, giving wisdom.
Psalms 119:98-101
Acts 4:13

Question: Who will I follow? We Had Better See Clearly Ourselves! Be Careful Who We Follow.

2. Verse 40 What Will I Become?

Luke 6:40 "A pupil is not above his teacher;
These words should be hung in every classroom.

The teacher – Is Jesus Christ. We must never forget this. **Matthew 23:8**

The danger is that we can start to place too much authority on ourselves.

(NLT) James 1:21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the message God has planted in your hearts, for it is strong enough to save your souls.)

will be like his teacher. The hope of instruction is that through instruction, we can become like the teacher.

This Can Be Negative: For those that are sitting at the feet of false teachers. That's what you, too, will become.

This Can Be Positive: Following God's Teacher, we will become like Jesus!

Question: What will I become? If I am not becoming like Jesus in character, I will not be like Jesus in conduct.

3. Verses 41-42 Can I Help Others?

Luke 6:41 Matthew 7:4-5

speck – *"sawdust, straw, dry twig."*

but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Term **log** – *"timber, log or beam"*

the speck – is the sin of others.

the log - is our sin. Hypocritical judgment does not see our gross blatant sin. *or "People who live in glass houses ought not to throw stones."*

Luke 6:42 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,'

This is speaking about a critical spirit, that discerns specks in other's eyes.

when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye?

We must see ourselves as sinners. We have been forgiven by the Great Judge and King.

We had better examine ourselves and see our own sinfulness!

Galatians 6:1

You hypocrite, - *"to speak under." It was used of the ancient actors that used to place masks on their faces and then would speak from underneath. (Play Actor)*

How Can We Help Others?

- 1.** We need to confess that we are sinners in need of His forgiveness.
- 2.** Ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit.
- 3.** Ask God to give us compassion, sympathy, understanding, humility.
- 4.** Read 1Corinthians 13, Face the truth about us; it hurts.

Question: Can I help others? I can't help others until I see my own sin and need.

4. Verses 43-44 Am I Fruitful?

Luke 6:43 "Bad fruit does not come from a good tree, and good fruit does not come from a bad tree."

Luke 6:44 "For each tree is known by its own fruit. The nature of the tree, root determines the fruit! This is speaking about character. Matthew 7:15-20

Matthew 7:15-20 Jesus says the Character of a false teacher is determined by two tests:

- 1. Character Of Their Walk:** Does their life contradict Scriptures?
- 2. Character Of Their Message:** Does it line up with Scriptures?

Discernment - This has been referred to as a call to be a fruit inspector.

For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. You can't produce the right kind of fruit if you are the wrong kind of tree!

Is this truly good fruit, or is it merely the appearance of good fruit?

We need to ask some questions! In regard to Reasons and Motives.

- 1. Why does a person live the way they do?**
- 2. Do persons live like this because of certain beliefs?**
- 3. Is it because the person is a Christian?**

The Nature Of The Genuine Disciple – Is that of pleasing God.

The Nature Of The Non-Believer – It is all about pleasing one's self.

Question: Am I fruitful? You can't produce the right kind of fruit if you are the wrong kind of tree!

5. Verse 45 What Is My Treasure?

Luke 6:45 his heart – This is the key to this parable. *"The heart is the inner life, the real you and me." The storehouse of treasure.*

"The good man - That when the heart has been converted so the mouth will speak of the riches of God.

for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart. The heart reveals the real you and me. The heart is the inner life. **Matthew 12:34-37**

The conversion of the heart is also the conversion of the tongue.

James 1:26

Question: What is my treasure? A changed heart will be revealed through a changed tongue.

Application: 5 Ingredients To Judging Ourselves And Others:

- 1. Humbly** - We need to be aware of our own failures and sins.
Jeremiah 17:9
- 2. Prayerfully** – We better go to God in prayer and confess our own sins.
James 5:16
- 3. Biblically** – Judgment must be based on the Word of God.
2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 4. Lovingly** – The difference between judgment and being judgmental is love. To be judgmental is of the will, while judgment has the best interests for the person.
- 5. Mercifully** – Jesus wants this foremost because He quoted mercy two times in **Hosea 6:6**.