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BIBLE CHURCH



CAN THE BLIND LEAD
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**FALL INTO
THE DITCH?**

LUKE 6:39

THE DANGER OF **BLIND LEADERS**

LUKE 6:39-45



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SEE TRUTH



CHECK YOUR HEART



BEAR GOOD FRUIT

Luke 6:39-45

- ³⁹ And He spoke a parable to them: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?”
- ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.
- ⁴¹ And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye?

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- ⁴² Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank that *is* in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye.
- ⁴³ “For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

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- ⁴⁴ For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.
- ⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Introduction

- "Up to this point in the sermon, Jesus has been teaching us **how believers are to treat other people**.
- We are to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, give generously, forgive freely, and refuse to live with a judgmental spirit. But now Jesus shifts the focus.
- He moves from *our actions* to *our character*. He moves from *how we treat others* to *who is qualified to influence others*."

Beware of Blind Spiritual Leadership

- **Luke 6:39** "Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?"
- **Explanation**
- Jesus is speaking primarily about the Pharisees and religious leaders.
- They assumed the role of spiritual guides while being spiritually blind themselves.
- The danger was not merely that they misunderstood doctrine.
- It was that they confidently led others into the very errors they embraced.

A blind guide is dangerous because:

- He cannot recognize truth.
- He cannot recognize his own blindness.
- Yet he confidently tells others where to walk.
- The tragedy is that both leader and follower suffer together.
- **A spiritually blind leader creates spiritually blind followers.**
- People eventually become like those they continually follow.

Modern Application

- Today we live in an age where almost anyone can become a spiritual teacher.
- **Social media has created thousands of voices.**
- Popularity does not equal spiritual sight.
- Followers do not equal faithfulness.
- Views do not equal truth.
- Many people can speak confidently while remaining biblically blind.

II. Students Become Like Their Teachers

- **Luke 6:40**
- "The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfected shall be as his master."
- **Explanation**
- Jesus reveals one of discipleship's greatest principles.
- People become like those who teach them.
- Whatever continually shapes your thinking eventually shapes your character.

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- "The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfected shall be as his master."
- Pride, Harshness, Legalism, Self-righteousness
- Because those qualities were reproduced in their disciples.
- Jesus wanted His disciples to reproduce something entirely different:
- Mercy, Humility, Compassion, Truth, Grace

- **Principle**
- **We reproduce what we repeatedly learn.**
- Disciples eventually resemble their teachers.

What are YOU Producing?

- Who is discipling me?
- **What voices** influence my heart every day?
- If someone became exactly like me spiritually.. Would I rejoice? Or would I be concerned?
- Children usually imitate what they observe more than what they hear.
- Church leaders should ask: "What spirit am I reproducing?"
- Not merely: "What information am I teaching?"

Remove the Beam Before Correcting the Mote

- **Luke 6:41–42**
- "Why beholdest thou the mote... but perceivest not the beam..."
- **Explanation**
- Jesus now exposes religious hypocrisy.
- The "mote" (Greek: **karphe**) refers to a tiny chip or splinter.
- The "beam" refers to a large wooden support.
- Imagine someone with a telephone pole sticking out of his eye attempting delicate eye surgery.
- The absurdity illustrates hypocrisy.

Remove the Beam Before Correcting the Mote

- The Pharisees magnified everyone else's failures while ignoring their own.
- Jesus is not forbidding correction.
- He is forbidding hypocritical correction.
- Notice His order:
- First... Remove your own beam.
- Then... You will see clearly to help your brother.
- The goal isn't criticism. The goal is restoration.

Fruit Always Reveals the Tree

- **Luke 6:43–44**
- "Every tree is known by his own fruit."
- **Explanation**
- Jesus moves from eyesight to agriculture.
- Fruit always exposes the nature of the tree.
- Healthy trees naturally produce healthy fruit.
- Diseased trees naturally produce diseased fruit.

Fruit Always Reveals the Tree

- The emphasis is not perfection. It is nature.
- Jesus is teaching that outward conduct ultimately reveals inward character.
- The Pharisees looked impressive externally.
- But their fruit exposed them.
- Their pride... Greed... Hypocrisy... Lack of mercy... revealed unhealthy hearts.

- **Principle**
- **Fruit reveals what roots cannot hide.**
- Character eventually becomes visible.

What Fruit Reveals:

- **Fruit includes:**
- Speech, Attitudes, Relationships, Integrity, Humility, Love, Faithfulness, Repentance, Obedience
- People may fool others temporarily.
- But fruit eventually tells the truth.

Christ's Solution: Become a Good Tree

- Jesus is **not** teaching that some people are permanently incapable of becoming good, nor that humanity is divided into two fixed classes that can never change.
- Rather, He teaches that **as long as a person remains spiritually corrupt, he cannot produce genuinely righteous fruit.**
- The solution is not merely to improve the fruit—it is to change the tree.

Questions for Reflection

- Who is influencing my spiritual life?
- Am I following someone with biblical fruit?
- Have I ignored beams in my own life while focusing on someone else's splinters?
- What kind of fruit consistently grows from my heart?
- If others followed my example, where would it lead them?