

## Luke 6:39-45 **Christian Leadership**

### Blind Leaders

39 And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?"

### Perfectly Trained Leaders

40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

### Hypocritical Leaders

41 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? 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.

### Known by their Fruits

43 "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 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.

### Good Leaders vs. Evil Leaders

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. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

**If the Blind lead the Blind, they will both fall** [Matthew 15:13-14, Luke 6:39]

✚ The simple answer Jesus gave is a revelation of the standing of man-made doctrine on the Day of Judgment.

✧ The result of false doctrine is that it not only causes the teacher of the error to fall, but it brings down the one who was deceived by the false doctrine. They both fall together.

✧ Jesus warns us of false teachers in the last days by saying:

“Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.” [Matthew 24:4-5, 11, Mark 13:5-6, 22, 2 Timothy 3:13]

### Perfectly Trained Leaders

✚ A leader that is fully and perfectly trained is not greater than his Lord, but will be like Him. [Luke 6:40, Matthew 10:24-25]

✧ Believers were known as "Christian" which means "Christ Like Ones."

✧ Our best desire is not to be better or more knowledgeable than Christ, but to become as near like Him as possible.

✧ If others can see Christ in us, it is our greatest achievement and compliment.

### Hypocritical Leaders

✚ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? 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!?! [Luke 6:41-42]

✧ Jesus gives us an illustration of what He is referring to, and that is not to be critical and condemning of others for trifling matters when we ourselves are guilty of greater errors.

- ✧ The vicious tongue that criticizes another for their clothing or hair style or other minor supposed social inferiority, does not edify anyone and is unacceptable to God.
- ✧ The person who is critical of others and oblivious to his own faults is a Hypocrite.
- ✚ First remove the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye.
  - ✧ In other words, clean up your own life before you attempt to help someone else with theirs.
  - ✧ Avoid undue criticism of others which leads to strife and destroys relationships.

### Known by their Fruits

- ✚ For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 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. [\[Luke 6:43-44, Matthew 7:15-20, 12:23\]](#)

### Good Leaders vs. Evil Leaders

- ✚ 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. [\[Luke 6:45\]](#)
  - ✧ What we speak with our lips reveals that which we treasure in our heart. [\[Luke 6:45, Matthew 12:34, 15:18\]](#)
- ✚ We are known by our fruit, the fruit of our lips. [\[Matthew 12:33\]](#)
  - ✧ An evil person can not help but blaspheme the Holy Spirit, because it is his nature to speak evil of holy things.
- ✚ Jesus said: “Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things?” [\[Matthew 12:34\]](#)
- ✚ The mouth speaks the things that are in the heart.
  - ✧ Discernment of the heart of the individual is found in the words he speaks.
  - ✧ A good man speaks good things out of the good treasure of his heart. [\[Matthew 12:35\]](#)
  - ✧ An evil man speaks evil things out of the evil treasures of his heart. [\[Matthew 12:35\]](#)
- ✚ Jesus then reveals a secret into the Day of Judgment.
  - ✧ The words we have spoken will be weighed on the day of Judgment.
  - ✧ We will be called to give account for **every idle word** we have spoken, when we were not on guard concerning what has proceeded out of our mouths. [\[Matthew 12:36\]](#)
  - ✧ In the speech category, we will be justified by our words, or we will be condemned by our words. [\[Matthew 12:37\]](#)