

## Luke 6 pt 5 vs. 37-45 (NIV)

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

39 He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40 The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

41 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

43 "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. 45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

1. **In our last study, we looked at: Blessed are you poor**
  - a. Woe to the rich
    - i) Love your enemies
      1. Bless those who curse you
        - a. Give to everyone who asks...
2. **Jesus is giving His disciples kingdom standards**
  - a. **This is what a trained disciple looks like**
3. [These] are not rules to be obeyed
  - a. This describes an attitude of heart ...
  - b. He's describing an inner [attitude of a disciple], not a legal duty (**Wiersbe**)
  - c. It's designed to show us where we currently are (a mirror)
  - d. This is what Jesus will be transforming us into

- e. Choosing 12 was Grace
  - i) Jesus' work in them will also be grace
- f. For them to allow Grace, they will need to see their need for it
- g. This is what following Jesus looks like

## **I. Hands**

## **II. Eyes**

## **III. Lips**

### **I. Hands of judgment**

1. **Like a master weaver, Jesus goes in and out of the human heart**

#### **A. Hands of judgment & condemnation**

1. **Do not judge, and you will not be judged**
2. A disciple's love for people will show in the attitude toward them.
  - a. We are not to act as judges of others
  - b. God will be the judge of all people and that includes us.
3. We can be so quick to drop the hammer of judgment on others
  - a. As we see things that we consider wrong, "down comes the gavel"
  - b. Church people have become experts in the art of "judgment"
4. That may be way the popular phrase is in our culture: "Only God can judge me..."
5. The context of this passage is:

- a. Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves
6. **Guzik:** This is the Bible verse that seems to be most popular in our present day. But most the people who quote this verse don't understand what Jesus said.
    - a. They seem to think Jesus commanded a universal acceptance of any lifestyle or teaching.
    - b. ...The Christian is called to unconditionally love.
    - c. But the Christian is not called to unconditional approval.
    - d. ... Jesus is speaking against being judgmental, that is, judging motives and the inner man, which only God can know.
    - e. We can judge the fruit of a man, but we can rarely judge their motives with accuracy.
    - f. Jesus does not prohibit judgment of others.
    - g. He only requires that our judgment be completely fair, and that we only judge others by a standard we would also like to be judged by.
    - h. Most of our judgment in regard to others is wrong, not because we judge according to a standard, but because we are hypocritical in the application of that standard - we ignore the standard in our own life.
  7. **Prov 16:2** All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the LORD weighs the motives
  8. We judge others by one standard and ourselves by another standard - being far more generous to ourselves than others. With the measure you use, it will be measured back to you:
  9. He was sailing for Europe on one of the great transatlantic ocean liners. When he went on board, he found that another passenger was to share the cabin with him. After going to see the accommodations, he came up to the purser's desk and inquired if he could leave his gold watch and other valuables in the ship's safe. He explained that ordinarily he never availed himself of that privilege, but he had been to his cabin and had met the man who was to occupy the other berth. Judging from his appearance, he was afraid that he might not be a very trustworthy person. The purser accepted the responsibility for the valuables and remarked, 'It's all right, bishop, I'll be very

glad to take care of them for you. The other man has been up here and left his for the same reason!’

**10. How I judge is how I’ll be judged**

11. Condemnation is an expression of very strong and definite criticism or disapproval

a. I’ve rendered a verdict on the intention of someone’s heart

i. So and so has done this because of this

b. Condemnation is not for disciples of Jesus

i. We can only see the outside, only the Lord see’s the heart

**12. As a disciple, how do I know if I’m condemning others or not?**

a. If I’m willing to be part of the solution

i. By either praying for them

ii. Or help them in a practical sense

13. When I see other peoples sin so easily and condemn them, it’s usually because of that same sin inside of me

**14. Condemning others is really condemning myself**

a. David wanted the neighbor killed in the fictitious story told by Nathan

b. When I put others down, it’s because that is what is in my heart.

15. Jesus is [speaking to] those who ... put themselves in the best light...

a. he is stingy, but I am thrifty...

b. My sins are beautiful while yours are hideous.

c. I’ve got self-esteem, but you are arrogant.

d. So many of our judgments are aimed at making ourselves feel better.

- e. We attack those we fear are better than ourselves, or have had it easier than we have, and what we are doing is trying to overcome our feelings of inferiority and disadvantage... (**Thomas**)
16. Instead of condemnation, we're to forgive those who offend us because to the measure that I forgive another is the measure I'll be able to enjoy God's forgiveness for me

## **B. Use those hands in giving**

1. Vs. 38 Give and it will be given to you...
  - a. **The context is giving mercy, forgiveness, help in any way possible**
  - b. How you measure out mercy & kindness determines how you will receive God's mercy and other people's mercy
2. Those who choose to love will be generous.
  - a. They give to people who need help.
  - b. The generous person will receive much.
  - c. This promise is not the reason that they give.
  - d. They give because ... they want to.
  - e. They may not receive material goods.
  - f. But they will receive in some way from people or from God.
    - i. In effect, they will receive more than they give.
    - ii. The picture of the good measure pressed down draws on what happened in the ancient marketplace, where a seller placed grain in a container.

- iii. Then he shook the container to get the grain to level out so that he could put more grain in the measure.
  - iv. That is how God measures for the generous and more as He gives so that the cup runs over.
  - v. This abundant measure God pours into the "lap"...(Bosom)
  - vi. God honors a compassionate spirit.
3. The generous person will find that God is even more generous to him.

## **II. Eyes**

1. You can almost hear the disciples saying, if Jesus is describing a disciple, I must not be one. What in the world are we supposed to do now?
2. Jesus gives a parable
3. **Can the blind lead the blind?**
4. A blind leader cannot see the way to go.
  - a. It's inevitable for that leader and those people who follow him to fall into a ditch
  - b. Probably speaking of the Pharisees, Jesus compared them to blind leaders who led other blind people.
  - c. They did not know the truth about God.
  - d. So, they could not lead people to God.
5. No person can teach what they do not know.
  - a. A student (at that time) was not able to know more than his teacher
  - b. The teacher was the only source of information

6. **Vs. 39** You can continue to follow blind leaders or follow the One who see's everything
7. Jesus was setting Himself apart from all other teachers
  - a. Jesus places teachers in the church to instruct people with God's Word
  - b. It's imperative that we have good teachers that speak the truth
  - c. One's that will guide you to the truth and not to themselves
  - d. We have an abundance of great speakers who are not speaking the truth or the gospel today
    - i) While God has a faithful remnant and faithful servants
    - ii) There are many on large platforms who are catering to the crowds
  - e. **As you follow Me, I'll train you to be like me...**
4. **Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?**
5. If you're a disciple and you want to help people, make sure you take care of you first
6. This is so important for the disciples to hear
  - a. Some may be thinking, "Jesus chose me"
    - i) "Maybe I'm something special"
    - ii) "I can probably help people who are living in gross sin"
  - b. I'll be a better help when I've taken the step to confess my sins and come before God and receive correction first
  - c. Then I can help others
  - d. Jesus is telling them, while others have issues, so do you

- e. The idea is, we need:
  - i) God's mercy to show us the problem
  - ii) A humble heart to approach others to ask about what they see

### III. Lips

1. Vs. 43 A good tree does not bear bad fruit
2. The fruit often referred to in scripture is the fruit of our lips – our words (Hebrews 13:15)
  - a. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good...out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks:
  - b. What comes out of my mouth reveals what's going on in my heart
  - c. Words of unbelief, criticism, profanity reveal what is happening in my heart
  - d. That's why sitting under the Word of God regularly cleanses our hearts
    - i) Our words reveal our heart. If there is good treasure in the heart, it will show;
    - ii) if evil, that also will show in time.
    - iii) Our words say more about us than we think...
  - e. **Psalm 19:14** May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer
3. What do others hear coming out of our mouths?
  - a. Complaints & criticism
  - b. Words of blessing & contentment
4. A survey asked mothers to keep track of how many times they made negative, compared with positive, comments to their children. They admitted that they criticized ten times for every time they said something favorable.



5. A three-year survey in one city's schools found that the teachers were 75% negative.
  - a. The study indicated that it takes four positive statements from a teacher to offset the effects of one negative statement to a child.
6. Who can live this perfect life?
7. Are there any who do good? NO
  - a. Because all of us judge, condemn, hold grudges, withhold from doing good and want to correct everyone else and don't realize the negative words we speak
  - b. We're all bad trees producing bad fruit;
  - c. That's the point
8. It's as if Jesus is reading all of our mail and saying, "follow Me"