


Distinguishing Between True Disciples and Hypocrites Part 1


Luke 6:39-45

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Overview of Luke 6:39 – 49 True and False Disciples

- The parallel Sermon on the Mount material in Matthew 7:15-29 emphasizes recognizing false prophets.
- The Sermon on the Plain material in this section emphasizes self examination to determine if you are a true disciple or a hypocrite.



Luke 6:39 – 49: Two types of people.

■ Blind	■ Following a teacher who sees
■ Hypocritical	■ Having good fruit
■ Having evil fruit	■ Hearing
■ Hearing without obeying	■ Doing
■ Building with no foundation	■ Building on a foundation of rock



Overview of Luke 6:39 – 49

Actions are Important

The Greek word *poieo* “to do” is found five times:

- Luke 6:43, twice
- Luke 6:46
- Luke 6:47
- Luke 6:49



Which type of teacher will we follow?

■ Luke 6:39

And He also spoke a parable to them: “A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit”?



True disciples are like Jesus; False ones like their false leaders

■ Luke 6:40

A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.



True disciples are like Jesus; False ones like their false leaders

■ **Acts 4:13**

Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.



Seeing the faults of others while being blind to our own

■ **Luke 6:41**

And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?



Correcting others' faults without seeing the gravity of one's own sin

■ **Luke 6:42**

Or how can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye," when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.



An agricultural metaphor

■ Luke 6:43, 44

For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit; nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.



A person's speech reveals the contents of his heart

■ Luke 6:45

The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.



Applications

- 1) But careful what sort of teachers you follow
- 2) Understand what hypocrisy is and avoid it
- 3) Be sure that you do not have an uncircumcised heart



1) But careful what sort of teachers you follow

■ **2Timothy 1:13, 14**

Retain the standard of sound words
which you have heard from me, in the
faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.
Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells
in us, the treasure which has been
entrusted to you.



1) But careful what sort of teachers you follow

■ **Romans 6:17, 18**

But thanks be to God that though you
were slaves of sin, you became obedient
from the heart to that form of teaching to
which you were committed, and having
been freed from sin, you became slaves
of righteousness.



2) Understand what hypocrisy is and avoid it

■ **Matthew 6:5**

And when you pray, you are not to be as
the hypocrites; for they love to stand and
pray in the synagogues and on the street
corners, in order to be seen by men. Truly
I say to you, they have their reward in full.



2) Understand what hypocrisy is and avoid it

■ Mark 7:6

And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me.'"



3) Be sure that you do not have an uncircumcised heart

■ Deuteronomy 30:6

"Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live."



3) Be sure that you do not have an uncircumcised heart

■ Colossians 2:11, 12

and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.



3) Be sure that you do not have an
uncircumcised heart

■ **Colossians 2:13, 14**

And when you were dead in your
transgressions and the uncircumcision of
your flesh, He made you alive together with
Him, having forgiven us all our
transgressions, having canceled out the
certificate of debt consisting of decrees
against us and which was hostile to us; and
He has taken it out of the way, having nailed
it to the cross.