

Luke

6:39-45

Teachers and Fruit

Our Three Questions

1. What does it say?

- Authorial intent to intended audience

2. What does it mean?

- Timeless theological truth

3. How does it apply?

- Landing it in our lives

Luke 6:39-45

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Leading/Teaching

Fruit

Following

Luke 6:39-42

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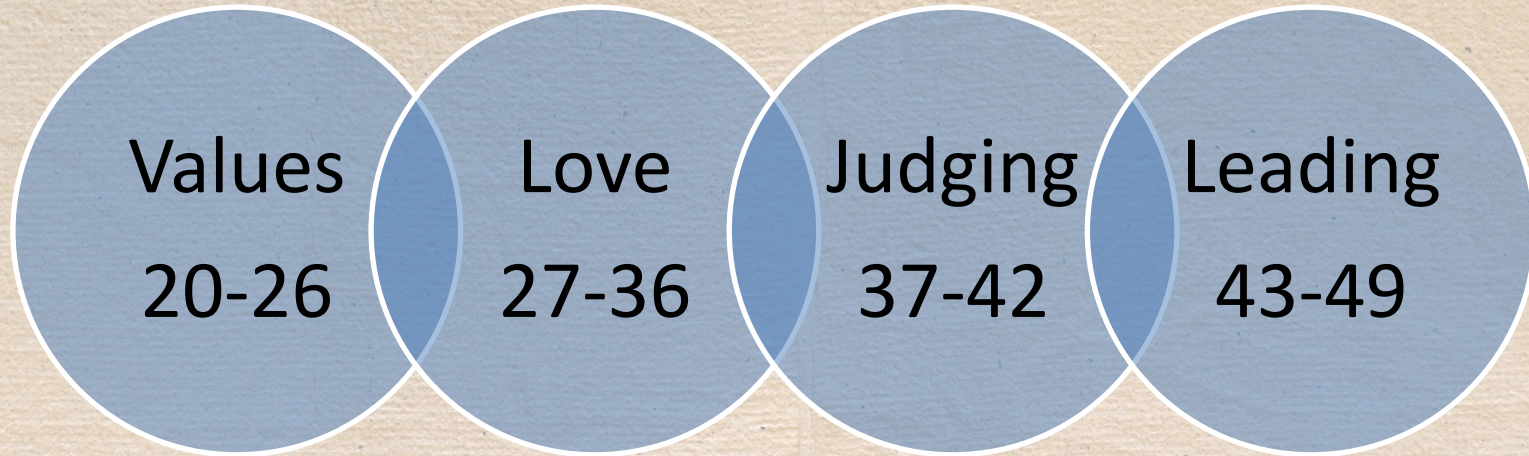
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- “Give” → Christian accountability
- Starting to talk about leadership



Luke 6:43-45

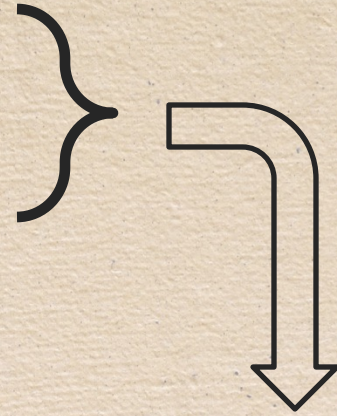
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- **Quality (Good & Bad)**
- **Kind (Figs & Grapes)**



- **Good person, treasure, production**
- **Evil person, treasure, production**

What is the fruit?

- **Disciples**
 - **Character?**
- **Teachers**
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Matthew 15:10-19

¹⁰ And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.” ¹² Then the disciples came and said to him,

Matthew 15:10-19

“Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

Matthew 15:10-19

¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.” ¹⁶ And he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled?

Matthew 15:10-19

¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth
proceeds from the heart, and this defiles
a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come
evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual
immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

^{20a} These are what defile a person.

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Matthew 7:1-27

1-6 – Christian accountability

7-11 – Ask, Seek, & Knock

12 – The golden rule

13-14 – Wide and narrow gates

15-20 – Beware of false prophets

21-27 – False disciples

Matthew 7:15-20

¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

Matthew 7:15-20

¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Matthew 12:33-37

³³ “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

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good, when you are evil? For out of the
abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matthew 12:33-37

³⁵ The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. ³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,

Matthew 12:33-37

³⁷ for by your words you will be justified,
and by your words you will be
condemned.”

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James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

James 3:1-12

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

James 3:1-12

⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body,

James 3:1-12

sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind,⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:1-12

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

James 3:1-12

¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

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Words



Person



Student

The whole picture?

Heart



Words

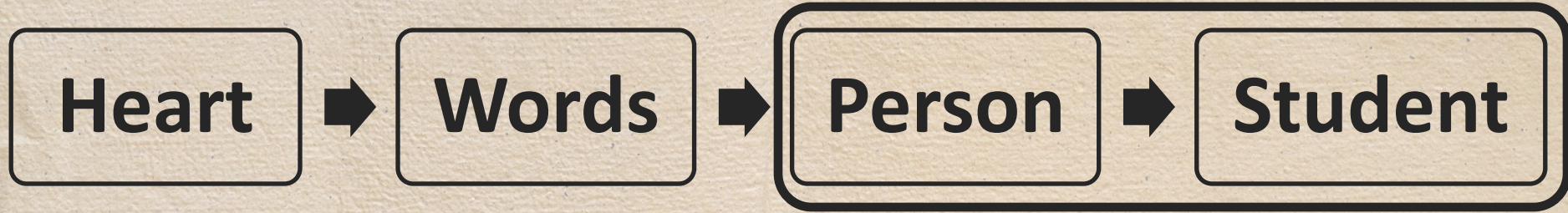


Person



Student

What do we learn & do?



Be careful ...

- **Who you follow**
- **Who you revere or lend weight**
- **Who/What informs you**
- **Who you open your heart to**

What do we learn & do

Heart



Words



Person



Student

... of the good treasure of his
heart produces good...

Questions

Did anything jump out at you from the text or the message?

The first thing we engaged with in God's word this week was about leading others well and being careful not to lead out of our gifting, but out of earnest relationship with the Lord. Did anything about that jump out to you or convict you? If people are following you, is there anything you want to change about your walk with the Lord before they pick it up?

We also talked about the fruit of our lives; our words, character, and the outcomes for those that follow us. When you look at the fruit of your life, is there anything you want to change?

Lastly, we talked about who we are following and how that impacts our hearts and our value systems. Who are you following, in a local sense? Do you know what their value systems are? Is there anyone that you are following that you need to guard your heart from? Is there anyone that you want to start following, in order to be lead in a healthy direction?