



1. Parables are told in a specific **CONTEXT**

2. Parables are told to challenge the **STATUS QUO**

3. Parables are told to teach **TRUTH**

"He also told them a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.'" Luke 6:39-40

TWO BIG QUESTIONS:

1. Who is my teacher?

2. Where are they leading me?

»»» 1. PARABLES ARE TOLD IN A SPECIFIC **CONTEXT**

- Luke 6:6-12- Jesus heals a man
- Luke 6:12-16- Jesus appoints the 12 Apostles
- Luke 6:17-19- Jesus does ministers with His disciples

Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain" begins teaching His disciples what a life lived for Him will look like

»»» 2. PARABLES ARE TOLD TO CHALLENGE THE **STATUS QUO**

"What can we bring to the Lord? Should we bring him burnt offerings? Should we bow before God Most High with offerings of yearling calves? Should we offer him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins? No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:6-8 NLT

Have you grown comfortable offering God the sacrifices of your **HANDS without giving God the sacrifice of your **HEART**?**

Impressing **PEOPLE** doesn't impress **GOD**

"I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings." Hosea 6:6 NLT

ACTIVITY for God is not a substitute for a **RELATIONSHIP** with God through Jesus



3. PARABLES ARE TOLD TO TEACH **TRUTH**

THREE PICTURES THAT TEACH US TRUTH IN THIS PASSAGE



a. The **SPECK** and the **LOG**

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned..."

Our priority should be repenting of **OUR OWN** sin before pointing out **OTHER'S** sin



b. The **GOOD** tree and **BAD** tree

The way we live should resemble God's **ACTIONS**

TWO KEY FACTORS MAKE A HEALTHY TREE:

- 1) **GOOD SOIL**
- 2) **RIGHT ENVIRONMENT**

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

If following Jesus hasn't changed your life, you probably aren't following **HIM**

"The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

HEART transformation will change what your **HANDS** do, but changing what your **HANDS** do does not transform your **HEART**



c. The Two **BUILDERS**

Language of Lordship vs. Obedience of Lordship

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1. **WHO** is my **TEACHER**?
2. **WHERE** are they **LEADING** me?