

Luke 6 Pt 4 vv 37-49

Jesus

- **Titus time after church**
- **Sermon on the Plain...**
 1. Blessings [4 Beatitudes] 8 in Mat Sermon on Mount vv 20-23
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- **Context:** Loving our enemies

Luke 6:31 And just as you want men to do to you, **you also do to them likewise...**36 Be merciful just as your Father also is merciful

VI. Sermon on the Plain Pt 4 Do Not Judge

37 **"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned.**

Jesus turns the heat up: Expectations of a Spirit led life

- **More Reciprocal Language**

1. Don't Judge/Won't not be judged Do Judge/Be Judged
2. Don't Condemned/Won't be condemned Do Condemn/Be Condemned

When we show mercy we experience mercy
When we judge we feel judged? When condemn we feel condemned

- **Judge** gr. *kree'-no* lit. Determine in forensic sense, condemn, call in question
- **Condemn** gr. *kat-ad-ik-ad'-zo* lit. Pronounce a **guilty verdict**

We make judgments all day long...
In what way is Jesus commanding us not to judge?

- **We don't judge/condemn unbelievers:** Already under judgment/condemnation

John 3:18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is **condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

- **We are not** to judge/condemn unbelievers: HS convicts Sin, Righteousness/Judgment
- **We are** to judge/make determination of the actions/fruit of those called believers

We are called to judge sin in the Church

1 Corinthians 5:3 [Judge unrepentant believer] I indeed...**have already judged**[same word] him who has so **done this deed**. ... 5 **deliver such a one to Satan** for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit **may be saved** in the day of the Lord Jesus [Do not judge

unbelievers] ...**12** For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? **13** But those who are outside **God judges.**

- **Judge:** Same word/different context
 1. **Luke 6:** All People **Don't judge motives/heart** of others only God knows
 2. **1 Cor 5:** Believers **Do judge actions** by the Word of God/address/deal w/sin
- **Purpose of Judgment/Discipline in the Church?**
 1. Protect congregation...
 2. Restore the sinner to wholeness

2 Corinthians 2:8 ...I urge you to **reaffirm your love to him.** 9 For **to this end** I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. 10 Now whom you **forgive** anything, I also **forgive.** For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ...

- **Result of Righteous Judging:** Repentance/Forgiveness/Restoration
- Jesus speaks here in Luke of self-righteous judging...

Do not judge/condemn/pronounce others guilty by your own estimation
Or you will receive the same.

Don't pick/choose who you deem worthy of your mercy
Be merciful as your Father is merciful to those who don't deserve it...like us

- **Cranks it up another notch...**

37b... Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

- **Forgiveness is a sign of being forgiven...**

Matthew 6:9 ... Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And **forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.** 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. [Reiterates/Recaps] 14 "For **if you forgive men** their trespasses, your heavenly **Father will also forgive you.** 15 But **if you do not forgive** men their trespasses, **neither will your Father forgive** your trespasses.

- **Forgive 6x:** We all need forgiveness at some point...

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to **seven times?**" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to **seventy times seven.** 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him **ten thousand talents [160,000 years of wages].** 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who

owed him a hundred denarii [**100 days of wages**]; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 **"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."**

- Forgive/Be forgiven
- Don't Forgive/Won't be forgiven? **Never were forgiven?**

Forgiveness from the heart resides only in the heart of the forgiven [NJC]

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, **even as God has forgiven you.**

38 Give, and it will **be given** to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Give of yourself by loving your enemies/God will lavish you w/His love

Law of God's Spiritual Reciprocation: Do this for them/I will do this for you

- Love our enemies Experience God's Love
- Forgive our enemies Experience God's Forgiveness
- Show mercy to our enemies Experience God's Mercy...
- **Give to our enemies Experience God's Abundance...**

Good measure/Pressed down/Shaken together/Running over/more than we can contain

Psalm 23:5 [Hot coals] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil [Joy of Holy Spirit]; **My cup runs over.** 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

- **Want to be blessed by God to overflowing?** Blow their minds with Grace
- **Unexpected/Undeserved generosity...**Just like Jesus does for us

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

- **Two Religions in World** leading to Two Destinations for Eternity

1. **Broad** Saved by me **My** works/goodness/righteousness Hell
2. **Narrow** Saved by Jesus **His** Works/Goodness/Righteousness
 Heaven

vv39-49 **Jesus pulls no punches. Serious Business**

- **Destroy Fragile Foundation** of hell bound works-based **Religion**

- **Offer Solid Foundation** of a **Relationship** w/the God through faith in Him

NOTE: When Jesus calls out the Religious...

He is addressing every hell-bound man-made religion on earth

- **To those leading people astray:** LDS, SDA, JW, RC, and all other usurpers...

Matthew 15:4b ...They are **blind leaders of the blind**. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

Matthew 23:24 [Dead inside] **Blind guides**, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! 25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

Romans 2:19 [You are] confident that you yourself are a guide **to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness**, 20 an **instructor of the foolish**, a teacher of babes ...**23** You who make your boast in the law [your own goodness], do you dishonor God through **breaking the law?** 24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.

People trapped in Bondage presuming they can lead others to freedom?

2 Timothy 3:13 ...evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

- **Religion has no power** to regenerate and thus **No power to restrain sin**
- **When Religion fails** God is mocked [E.g., R Catholicism/ "Christian" Clowns]

We become like those we follow...follow Jesus

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

- If they are solid you will be solid.
- If they are wrong you will be wrong.
- If they are deceived you will be deceived
- **People will follow anything:**
 1. Oprah's Secret/Atheists ramblings/Psychologist's garbly gook
 2. Religious gurus/History Channel/Health and Wealth Televangelists
 3. Ufologists? /Bigfoot Followers: **These are people with faith...**

Hebrews 11:1 ...faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of **things not seen.**

- **Q.** Can the blind lead the blind? **A.** Yes. **Into a hole.**

You will be like the teacher you follow

Let's be instructed by the Resurrected Son of the Living God

Jesus' yoke is easy...His teachings are hard

- Self-Righteous teachers **produce self-righteous followers...**

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?

Plank-Eye: Do you consider yourself a Fixer of Men

- **No? then...**
 1. **Q.** Why do you think these verses are for someone else?
 2. **Q.** Why are you the big helper when you need help more than anyone
 3. **Q.** Why can everyone see the 2 x 6 in your eye...**except you?**
- **The Plank is Pride**

42b...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.

- **Hypocrite:** Actor or "One who wears a mask"
- **Self-Deceived:** You see you as pure. God sees pride **as Puke**

Masquerade as a pious person Pointing out sins, Gossiping, Slandering, Causing Doubt
Plank Eye the Mess

- **Is this me?** What do I leave behind in my wake?...
 1. Healing/Restoration/Growth in others
 2. Trail of Dead bodies/Prideful Clones

#2? You got some plank removing to do
Pride is Puke. Humility is a good look on anybody

SUMMARY Do not Judge. Forgive. Don't follow plank-eye the mess

VII. Sermon on the Plain Pt 5 Tree is Known by its Fruit

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 Bad Fruit:** Good/Bad change in self and others
 1. **Bad Fruit:** Pride, Deceit, Godlessness, Hatred, Envy, Defeat etc.
 2. **Good Fruit:** Humility, Truth, Righteousness, Joy, Peace, Victory etc.
- **Good Fruit** is produced by being connected to a **Good Tree**
- **Jesus is the Good Tree** we are to be connected to...

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. **He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit;** for without Me you can do nothing..."

- **John 15:** Abiding produces fruit. **How?** Abide in His love. **How?** Keep His command.

What command do I keep to abide in Jesus' love and produce good fruit?

John 15:12 This is My commandment, that you **love one another** as I have loved you ...**16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and **bear fruit**, and that your **fruit should remain**, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. **17** These things I command you, that you **love one another**.

As we love one another by the power of the Spirit
We will Naturally/Supernaturally bear good fruit

- Abiding with Jesus also means Praying, Reading, Meditating on God's Word

Psalms 119:11 Your **word I have hidden in my heart**, That I might not sin against You.

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**.

What's down in the well...will come up in the bucket Let the Word of God be stored in our hearts...

John 7:37 ... Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**"

VIII. Sermon on the Plain Pt 6 Build on the Rock

- **Jesus:** Out of the abundance of the heart a man speaks **so...**

46 "...why do you call Me '**Lord, Lord,**' and not do the things which I say?"

Luke 13:25 '**Lord, Lord, open for us,**' and He will answer and say to you, '**I do not know you**, where you are from,' 26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence [Communion], and You taught in our streets [Church] .' 27 But He will say, 'I tell you **I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me**, all you workers of iniquity.'

Matthew 7:21 [Even spiritual superstars?] "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied** in Your name, **cast out demons** in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' [e.g., Judas] 23 And then I will declare to them, '**I never knew you**; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Is Jesus really LORD? Do you do what He says w/out question?...

47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the **flood arose**, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and **could not shake it**, for it was **founded on the rock**. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a

house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

- **Both** look similar as they drive to Church
- **Both** hear the Word: One obeys. Other disregards
- **Both** look similar as they drive away from church and yet...

**One is a true believer, one is not. One has a foundation of Rock the other Sand
If they both died today...One is going to heaven the other to hell**

- **Jesus Sermon on the Plain:** Time to get serious
- **Spoke to Believers/make-believers** 2000 years ago as well as **right now...**

If you are a Believer: You are solid unwavering and consistent bearing good fruit in self/others: Listens to Jesus and by power of Holy Spirit do what He says. Your foundation is the Rock, Jesus. The storms will come, and you will stand! You listened to Jesus Words and take them to heart. You put them into practice by the power of His Holy Spirit

If you are a Make-believer: The Word of God is background noise. Your life is unstable, inconsistent, confusing, dark and seemingly without hope. Your sins are not yet forgiven because you have not been serious about making Jesus your Lord and Savior and you will not stand at the judgment if you were to die today.

For you this church is the most dangerous place you can be right now

- I go to church but realize now I have not made Jesus my Lord?
 1. **Know** you're a sinner. Jesus died rose again on 3rd day for your sin
 2. **Repent** of sin and ask forgiveness for not taking Gods Word seriously
 3. **Ask** Him to be your Lord/Savior and give you New Life. Second Chance